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Experienced Music Educator to Conduct Musicians at 9th Annual Camp

Oakville, Ontario, March 24, 2025 – Local non-profit Bandology is pleased to announce that Alecia Blackman will return for her second year as Music Director for Bandology's upcoming Band Camp in Halton. Blackman is the Head of Music at Bernie Custis Secondary School in Hamilton and a dedicated educator and performer. The Bandology team is excited for her return.

In addition to her work teaching, Blackman has conducted many notable groups including the Elmer Iseler Singers, the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Honour Bands, and has also been a guest conductor for the Canadian Band Association's Community Band Weekend at McMaster University.

Blackman completed both her Honours Bachelor of Music and Masters of Music Education degrees at Western University, and earned her Bachelor of Education degree from Nipissing University. She is a member of the Ontario Band Association as the Golden Horseshoe regional liaison and also sits on the planning board of the Golden Horseshoe Music Festival.

As a performer, Blackman has recorded for several movie soundtracks, worked in pit orchestras across Ontario, sang in the Carnegie Hall premiere of 'Requiem for the Living' by Dan Forrest, and is a current member of the After Hours Jazz Band through the Hamilton All Star Jazz Band program.

"Alecia was absolutely awesome to work with last year," said Ryan MacKinnon, Community Programs Manager at Bandology and Camp Director for the



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week of camp in Halton. “We really can’t wait to work with her again and see what she does with the band this year.”

Past directors for Band Camp Halton include Colin Clarke, the founder and Artistic Director of the Toronto Youth Wind Orchestra, David Lum, founding director and honorary life member of the Ontario Band Association, and Ryan Meeboer, local composer and educator.

Bandology’s Band Camp runs in north Oakville from July 21-25 at King’s Christian Collegiate. Band Camp is also offered in Kitchener-Waterloo during the week of July 7-11 and in Guelph from July 28 to August 1.

Registration is currently open for kids in grades 1-12 at bandology.ca. For families with financial difficulties, subsidies are available, as are free instrument loans from Bandology’s Instrument Library. Families are encouraged to reach out to camp@bandology.ca with any questions.

[Bandology](http://bandology.ca) is a Canadian non-profit dedicated to more music for more kids via education, collaboration and community. Based in Oakville, Ontario, it provides young musicians with more opportunities to play, learn and be inspired. Learn more about Bandology’s programs and services at bandology.ca.

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Photos available upon request.