



# BANDOLGY

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## **Laurier Conductor to Lead Musicians at Local Camp**

**Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, March 17, 2025** – Bandology is pleased to announce that Dr. Leah McGray, the Director of the Laurier Wind Orchestra and an internationally travelled guest conductor, will serve as Music Director for their upcoming Band Camp in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Dr. McGray is a conductor, teacher and clarinetist and currently works at Wilfrid Laurier University as an assistant professor and Director of the Laurier Wind Orchestra. Previously, she was the Director of Instrumental Studies for the State University of New York as well as Rhodes College in Tennessee where she conducted orchestra and wind ensemble, and taught classes in conducting and theory.

She has guest conducted around the world including for the National Youth Band of Canada, Memphis Symphony Orchestra, Memphis Youth Symphony Orchestra, Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and Penfield Symphony Orchestra, as well as for international schools, honour bands and music camps.

Dr. McGray received her Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Education from Acadia University in Nova Scotia before earning her Master of Music from the University of Toronto and her Doctorate of Musical Arts in conducting at Northwestern University in Illinois. In between her degrees, she taught at schools in Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.



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“We are really excited to have Dr. McGray on board this year,” said Sara Thoeny, Camp and Workshop Coordinator at Bandology and Camp Director for the week of camp in Kitchener-Waterloo. “We can’t wait to see what she brings to camp!”

Past directors for Band Camp Kitchener-Waterloo include Marcia Connolly, the head of music at Bluevale Collegiate Institute, and Allen Carter, the conductor of the Guelph Symphony Youth Orchestra.

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

Registration is currently open for kids in grades 1-12 at [bandology.ca](http://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](mailto: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](http://bandology.ca).

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