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## **Local Non-Profit Plans for Further Accessible Community Programming Thanks to Provincial Grant**

**Oakville, Ontario, May 26, 2025** – Bandology has received a \$276,800 Grow Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). This grant is to be used over a three year period from May 2025 to April 2028 to adapt Bandology’s music workshops to better support and reach those from underserved communities who experience barriers to participatory music programming.

“We’ve heard from music teachers that when it comes to kids who have developmental or physical challenges, when they need to be pulled out of class for appointments or meetings, the first thing they miss out on is music,” said Lisa Michaels, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Bandology. “We know – and have seen firsthand – the impact that music education can have on kids: things like improved mental health and social skills, even higher grades. That impact needs to be accessible to all kids.”

Bandology’s music workshops are typically designed to be enjoyed by a wide range of participants of different ages and skill levels. While this allows them to appeal to the many, with this grant from OTF, Bandology will be able to bring workshops to those with specific needs and abilities who require something more custom designed – and who are often faced with barriers to music education because of their needs.

“We plan to work directly with community organizations as they know their community best,” said Sandy Wright, Education Manager and Head of Programming at Bandology. “Through collaboration, we can find out what



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they're looking for and what they need. That way, we can be sure we're delivering music programming that is the right fit for their community.”

[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).

The [Ontario Trillium Foundation](http://otf.ca) (OTF) is an agency of the Ontario government with a mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province. Last year, OTF invested nearly \$105M into 732 community projects and multi-sector partnerships. Projects aim to enhance economic well-being, foster more active lifestyles, support child and youth development, provide spaces for people to come together and connect, and create a more sustainable environment. Visit [otf.ca](http://otf.ca) to learn more.

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