



# BANDOLGY

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## **Bandology Band Camp Features Local Musicians, Educators and Clinicians**

**Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, June 11, 2025** – Bandology is featuring several local musicians and educators to participate in their upcoming Band Camp Kitchener-Waterloo, taking place July 7-11. These clinicians will work with young campers to develop their knowledge and experience in music.

Band Camp, for campers in grades 7-12, offers the chance to play in a concert band setting with like minded teens their age. With Band Camp Junior, those in grades 1-6 can explore their love of music through games and hands-on demonstrations. Both groups of campers get the opportunity to benefit from the guidance of experienced music professionals.

Shawn Bennett is the Artistic Director of the NextGen Youth Orchestra at Wilfrid Laurier University. He is a skilled conductor that has worked with prestigious ensembles such as the Orchestra Toronto and l'Orchestre Symphonique de Québec.

Paula Kokot is a saxophonist and educator based out of Stratford. As a member of the Szivi Saxophone Quartet, she has performed at Stratford Summer Music and 5 at the First. Kokot is also involved with the Wellington Wind Symphony and Stratford Concert Band.

Dr. Leah McGray is the conductor of the Wind Orchestra at Wilfrid Laurier University. In addition to her work as conductor, clinician and adjudicator, McGray has also developed research into non-verbal leadership, and wind ensemble repertoire by traditionally underrepresented composers. She will act as Music Director for Band Camp.



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Debbie McMackin will be returning to Band Camp this summer to run handbell workshops for Bandology's campers. McMackin is a member of the Ontario Guild of English Handbell Ringers. Before that, she worked with the Toronto District School Board for over 40 years.

Dr. Jonathan Roswell has a Doctor of Musical Arts in tuba performance from the University of Toronto and plays tuba with the Stratford Festival. In addition to his role as musician, he is an educator, clinician and composer who performs throughout Ontario with groups including the Trillium Brass Quintet, Kitchener Waterloo Symphony, Canadian Opera Company Orchestra and the National Ballet of Canada Orchestra.

TL Sutherland is a percussionist studying at Wilfrid Laurier University. As well as percussion, they are an avid flute and violin player, instruments they have played for over a decade. Sutherland has been a member of the Denis Wick Canadian Wind Orchestra and the Woodshed Percussion Ensemble at MusicFest.

Trevor Wagler is the owner and Director of Premier School of the Arts as well as a freelance French horn player, conductor, composer and clinician. As well as being the conductor of the Waterloo Concert Band, he founded the Kitchener-Waterloo Youth Concert Band.

Wendy Wagler is Principal Flute with the Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber Orchestra and an active freelancer with many other ensembles. She maintains the largest flute teaching student base within Waterloo region in addition to her roles within the KW Woodwind Quintet, Anemoi Flute Quartet and the Phoenix Trio.

Bandology's Band Camp runs in Kitchener-Waterloo from July 7-11 at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate in Kitchener. This will be their fourth year running



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camps in the Waterloo Region. Registration is open for kids in grades 1-12 at [bandology.ca](http://bandology.ca). Spots are filling up fast, but there are still spaces available.

For campers and their families who face financial difficulties, subsidies of up to 90% are available as are free instrument loans from Bandology's Instrument Lending Library. Parents are encouraged to reach out to [camp@bandology.ca](mailto:camp@bandology.ca) for more information.

Band Camp is also offered in Halton from July 21-25 and in Guelph from July 28 to August 1.

[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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