



# BAND\_OL\_OGY

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## **Ninth Annual Summer Band Camp Returns to Halton**

**Oakville, Ontario, June 2, 2025** – Bandology is excited to return to Halton for another week of Band Camp this summer. From July 21-25, kids will have the opportunity to blend summer fun with meaningful musical growth. Young musicians from grades 1-12 will develop their skills as they practice and perform together, make new friends and share their love of music.

Kids in grades 7-12 come together at Band Camp to form a full concert band, guided by experienced instructors. Throughout the week, they build their musical skills through group rehearsals to finally perform at the end-of-week concert for family and friends. Kids in grades 1-6 join the Band Camp Junior program, which offers hands-on activities, instrument exploration and fun group games. No prior music experience is required as the workshops allow kids to explore a variety of musical instruments while building teamwork and creativity.

“Band Camp is a great place for young musicians to be part of a community that celebrates expression and creativity,” says Ryan Mackinnon, Community Programs Manager at Bandology and Camp Director for the week in Halton. “It’s great to see the kids build confidence, discover new friendships and learn just how fun music making can be.”

Alecia Blackman will serve as the Music Director for Halton for a second year. As the Head of Music at Bernie Custis Secondary School in Hamilton, and a board member of the Ontario Band Association, Blackman is known for her musical talent and dedication to inspiring students. Blackman has also conducted notable ensembles across Ontario, making a strong impact on music education and performance.



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Registration is open for kids in grades 1-12 at [bandology.ca](http://bandology.ca). Spots are filling up fast. For families with financial difficulties, subsidies of up to 90% are available as are free instrument loans from Bandology's Instrument Library. Parents are encouraged to reach out to [camp@bandology.ca](mailto:camp@bandology.ca) if they have any questions.

Band Camp Halton takes place at King's Christian Collegiate, located at 528 Burnhamthorpe Rd W in north Oakville.

Now in its ninth year, Bandology is excited to return with another week of music-making for local youth. Band Camp is also available in Kitchener-Waterloo from July 7-11, and Guelph during the week of July 28 - 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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Photos are available upon request.