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Professional Musicians and Educators to Attend Bandology Band Camp

Oakville, Ontario, July 8, 2025 – Bandology is featuring multiple local musicians and educators at the upcoming Band Camp Halton, taking place July 21-25. 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.

Heath Allen is a horn player based out of Mississauga. He has played with orchestras throughout southeast Ontario including the Kingston, Niagara, Windsor, London and Kitchener-Waterloo orchestras. He is clinician with the Oakville Symphony Youth Orchestra and maintains an active private studio.

Alecia Blackman is the head of music at Bernie Custis Secondary School in Hamilton. She has conducted for groups such as the Elmer Iseler Singers and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Honour Bands. She is also a member of the Ontario Band Association where she acts as the Golden Horseshoe Representative. She will act as Music Director for Band Camp.

Colin Clarke is the Artistic Director for both the Oakville Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Toronto Youth Wind Orchestra, the latter of which he founded. He was appointed as the Artistic Director of the Oscar Peterson Program at the Royal Conservatory of Music in 2022 and is a Member of the Order of Canada.

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Mason Micevski is an accomplished stage performer, choreographer and arts maker from Hamilton. He is the Artistic Director and lead playwright at Emerson Arts. In addition to teaching voice, dance and acting, Micevski has performed with the National Ballet of Canada, Warner Bros. Studios and OH CANADA EH?!

Rachel Roe-Wu is a flautist and piccoloist, currently completing her Master of Music Performance at the University of Toronto. She performs with the Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra, the Guelph Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Toronto.

Francis Smith is the Music Director of the Burlington Teen Tour Band as well as the Associate Director of Bands and Music Services for the City of Burlington. He has been teaching for the Halton District School Board since 2015. Smith will be returning to run a sectional for saxophone and clarinet musicians.

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.

Hilary Whiskin is the director of CRASH Rhythm, an organization that uses music to promote leadership, creativity and rhythm. She is also the founder of Junk Line, a garbage can drum line that plays throughout southern Ontario. Whiskin has worked in percussion ensembles and taught music lessons for over 15 years.

Bandology's Band Camp runs in Halton from July 21-25 at King's Christian Collegiate. This will be their ninth year running camps in Halton. Registration



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is open for kids in grades 1-12 at 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 for more information.

Band Camp is also offered in Guelph from July 28 to August 1 at the Guelph Youth Music Centre.

[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 are available upon request.