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Band Camp to Feature Laurier Conductor as Director

Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, May 7, 2026 – Local non-profit Bandology is pleased to welcome back Dr. Leah McGray, Director of the Laurier Wind Orchestra, who will be returning this summer as Music Director for the upcoming Band Camp Kitchener-Waterloo.

Dr. McGray is a conductor, teacher and clarinetist who currently works at Wilfrid Laurier University. 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.

As an internationally travelled guest conductor, Dr. McGray has worked 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 honour bands, international schools and music camps.

Dr. McGray received her Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Music from Acadia University and then went on to earn her Master of Music at the University of Toronto followed by her Doctorate of Musical Arts in conducting from Northwestern University in Illinois. In between her studies, she taught in Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

“Leah was an amazing addition to our camp last summer and we’re very excited to have her back,” said Sara Thoeny, Camp and Workshop Coordinator at Bandology and Camp Director for Band Camp Kitchener-Waterloo. “She



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brings a lot of expertise to the role and provides excellent guidance to our campers.”

This will be Bandology’s fourth year running camp in Guelph. Past directors for Band Camp Kitchener-Waterloo include Marcia Connolly, the Head of Music at Bluevale Collegiate Institute and Allen Carter, conductor of the Guelph Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Bandology’s Band Camp runs in Kitchener-Waterloo during the week of July 6-10 and registration is filling fast. Band Camp is also offered in Halton from July 20-24 and August 10-14 and in Guelph from July 27-31.

Registration is currently open for kids in grades 1-12 at bandology.ca. For families with financial difficulties, subsidies are available, as are instrument loans from Bandology’s Instrument Library. Families are encouraged to reach out to 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.

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