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Halton Music Educators Join Band Camp to Support Local Youth

Oakville, Ontario, July 6, 2026 – This summer Bandology will be featuring several local musicians and educators at their tenth annual Band Camp Halton, running from July 20-24. 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.

Giancarlo Binetti has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music performance and Masters of Arts in Musicology and Ethnomusicology from York University. Binetti is the Music Director with both the Pickering Community Centre Band and Clarington Concert Band, where he helps to bring concert band music to his community. Binetti will be the brass clinician at Band Camp Halton.

Alecia Blackman is an educator, performer and the Head of Music at Bernie Custis Secondary School in Hamilton. Blackman received both her Honours Bachelor of Music and Masters of Education at Western University, and her Bachelor of Education degree from Nipissing University. She has worked with a number of music organizations, including the Elmer Isler Signers, the HWDSB Honour Bands, the Canadian and Association's Community Band Weekend at McMaster University.



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Esteban Cambre is a musician, conductor and educator. Cambre has completed a certificate program at the Royal Conservatory in violin performance and both undergraduate and graduate music degrees at the University of Toronto in Music and Musicology. Cambre has taught at Appleby College since 2003, served as their Director of Arts and has since built its program to international recognition.

Rachel Roe is a recent graduate of the University of Toronto, where she recently received her Masters of Music in Performance. Previously, she studied the flute and piccolo at Wilfrid Laurier University. Roe-Wu is now an active orchestral and opera musician in the Greater Toronto Area who has performed with numerous orchestras including the University of Toronto Symphony Orchestra, University of Toronto Opera, the Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra, the Guelph Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Toronto.

Francis Smith has a Bachelor of Music in Performance from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Education from Nipissing University. Since 2015, Smith has taught Instrumental Music at both elementary and secondary levels in the Halton District School Board. He is also a member of the Ontario College of Teachers and the Ontario's Music Educators's Association. Smith is the Musical Director of the Burlington Teen Tour Band and Associate Director of Bands and Music Services for the City of Burlington's Recreation, Community and Culture department.

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.



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Bandology's Band Camp runs in Oakville from July 20-24 at King's Christian Collegiate. This will be their tenth annual Band Camp in Oakville. Registration is open for kids in grades 1-12 at bandology.ca. There are still spots open for Band Camp.

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 Guelph from July 27-31 and again in Halton from August 10-14.

[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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