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June 30, 2023

Oakville's Town Council
1225 Trafalgar Road
Oakville, ON L6H 0H3

Re: Lottery License Cover Letter from Bandology

Dear Council members,

I am writing on behalf of Bandology, an Oakville-based non-profit organization, which was established in January 2017 by two parents who understood the multiple life-long benefits that music provides. Having met while participating in a high school music parent association, co-founders Lisa Michaels and Peter VanDuzer were united by a common goal to go beyond the classroom and into the community to help spread the long-term value of music education.

We are writing to request the council's approval of our application to conduct and manage charitable gaming events in the Town of Oakville to help fund our Band Camp, Play A Gig and Music Workshop programs and our advocacy presentations for these programs through this cover letter. We hope to outline how your approval can make an impact on the lives of the young people who we serve.

Band Camp is a week-long day camp for keen music students in grades 7-12 who want to improve their musical skills in the summer. The program provides a fun opportunity for students who are keen musicians and are involved in concert bands in their local high school or junior high. Our 7th annual Band Camp is scheduled for July 2023 in three locations in southwestern Ontario.

Band Camp Junior is a week-long day camp for kids ages 6-12 (grades 2-7) who want to explore their love of music through games and demonstrations with new friends. The camp runs simultaneously with the Band Camp program for older students.



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Music Workshops are percussion workshops in the local community using instruments such as bucket drums and boomwhackers that offer a unique learning opportunity for all youths, no music experience required.

Our Play A Gig Program connects student musicians with performance opportunities in the community and online. Youth are able to perform solo or collaborate with fellow students musicians and become a student-led ensemble.

Through our programs, we have already had a significant impact. Highlights since inception include:

- 1,550 program participants and 640 program hours
- Opportunities for 60+ youth leaders to support younger performers
- 260 youth music performances in the local community

With your support, we plan to achieve a number of outcomes this coming year to provide more programs to young people.

- Engage 80+ youth in band camp programming
- Provide subsidized fees to give more programming to equity-deserving youth
- Offer 50+ youth volunteer and paid positions with our programs

I welcome an opportunity to share more information about our program or our commitment to the youth we serve. I can be reached by phone at (905) 466-1211 or by email at peter@bandology.ca.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Peter VanDuzer

President and Co-Founder