

## Meet the Directors

**Christmas Gainsbrugh** is the founder of Big as Life Music (BALM), which offers band programs to schools in the Denver metro area. She brings joy and playfulness to her teaching that keeps students motivated and self-directed in their learning. She received a Masters Degree in Music Education and flute from CU Boulder. She has taught elementary through high school music in Colorado and California for 18 years and is currently the band director at Slavens K-8 and University Park Elementary in DPS. She has offered the BALM Summer Band Camps for 5 years and each year, it keeps growing! Last year, she was honored to be the guest conductor for the DPS Citywide Honor Band. She is a firm believer that music education strengthens our children cognitively, socially and emotionally. And above all, music should be fun!

**Joni Anderson** has been working with BALM for six years. She received her undergraduate degree from Cornell College and a master's degree from Denver's Lamont School of Music. She started playing the french horn in 6th grade and has played for more than 15 years. Joni is the band director at Most Precious Blood Catholic School and the assistant director for the University Park Elementary band program. Her passions include marching band, drum corps, historical music and instruments, heavy metal rock, and everything loud and brass! Christmas and Joni have been developing young musicians and taking them on grand adventures together since 2010.

## 2015 Summer Camp Details

- All camps run Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **No previous experience on an instrument is required.** We will take your child from the very beginning. Both beginner and advanced levels are offered!
- All camps are available to students 4th - 8th grade. (Incoming 4th graders are welcome!) Students will need to bring their own lunch daily.
- Tuition is \$275 per week and includes all project supplies and a t-shirt. There is a \$30 discount for sibling enrollment.
- The camp is held at: Most Precious Blood (NW Corner of Iliff and Colorado)

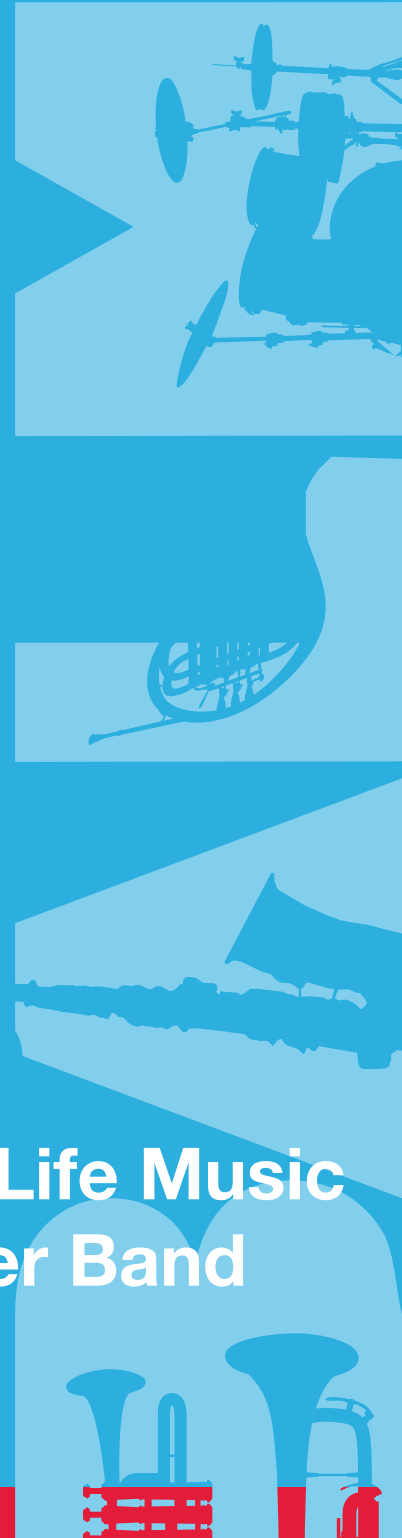
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# Big as Life Music Summer Band Camps



## ROCK BAND II-“THE REUNION”

June 8th - June 12th

Join us as we explore the rock scene! Whether you missed Rock Band Part I or were there for the fun, join us for Part II. We had so much fun last summer, we have to do it again. Same fun but all new material and projects. From Elvis to The White Stripes, from the Beatles to Journey, we will learn the history of Rock ‘N Roll. Most importantly, we will learn how to rock out on our own instruments! Using famous riffs, costumes and hairstyles, we will create our own rock personas. Last, but not least, we will compose our own song! With 3 hours of rehearsal on our instruments per day, master classes, water balloon fights, art projects and research, we will become outrageously fun musicians to be around. We will end the week with our own Rock Show for friends and family!



## MUSIC AROUND THE WORLD

BRAZIL AND INDIA

June 22nd - June 26th



We will learn about each culture's traditions as we learn about their music! First, we will explore India's rich traditions ranging from classical music (think Ravi Shankar) to Bollywood. We will then adventure to Brazil and discover the enticing traditions of the Samba, Capoeira and Carnival!!

Our guests artists will perform, teach us about and engage us in dance and music. We will end our week with our own Carnival, complete with parade and costumes. With 3 hours of rehearsal on our instruments per day, master classes, water balloon fights, art projects and research, we will continue to be outrageously fun musicians to be around.

## Music Off the Charts

**‘Unleash Your Inner Composer’**

July 6th-July 10th

Our music making and repertoire will focus on New Music. We will explore contemporary composition techniques and avant-garde musicians who have challenged the conventional modes of music making. This means a lot of fun sounds and exploration with guest composers from the Denver metro area! For our special project, we will use splatter painting techniques on large pieces of manuscript paper to create our own aleatoric (chance) compositions. The end result? Students will have a unique modern piece of artwork for their wall and a CD recording of their very own composition. Watch out John Cage!