

## 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 five years and each year, it keeps growing! 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.

## 2016 Summer Camp Details

- All camps run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- All camps are available to students 4th – 8th grade. Students will need to bring their own lunch daily.
- Tuition will be \$275 per week and includes all project supplies and a t-shirt. There is a \$30 discount for sibling enrollment.
- Students are responsible for providing their own instrument. In case of hardship, contact Christmas at [christmas.balm@gmail.com](mailto:christmas.balm@gmail.com)
- The camp is held at:  
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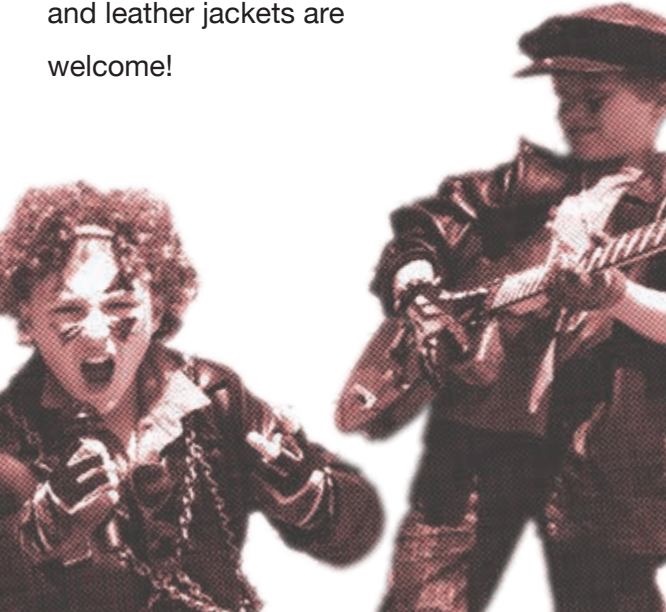
# Big as Life Music Summer Band Camps



## ROCK BAND CAMP

June 6th – June 10th

Punk, Metal, Glam, British Invasion? Join us as we explore the rock scene. 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 instrument 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. Mohawks and leather jackets are welcome!



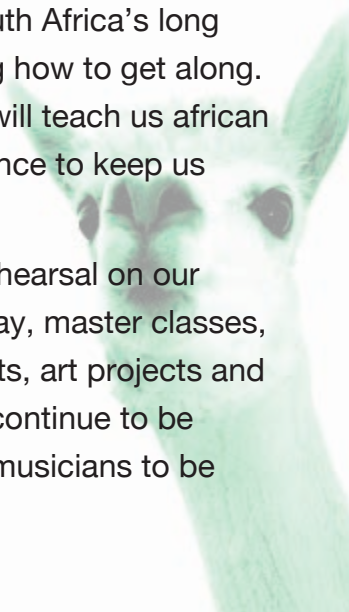
## MUSIC AROUND THE WORLD PERU & SOUTH AFRICA

June 20th – June 25th

We will explore Peru's rich musical traditions by learning the tune El Condor Pasa (made famous by Simon and Garfunkel). Inspired by the music of our guest Andean Pan Flute Band, we will make our own pan flutes! We will learn about the World Heritage Site of Machu Picchu and how to weave like Peruvian weavers who use alpaca and llama wool. Be prepared to meet llamas! Yes, that's going to happen.

We will then adventure to South Africa as we learn about the music of Miriam Makeba (Mama Africa), Ladysmith Black Mambazo and many more. We will learn about Nelson Mandela, apartheid and South Africa's long journey of learning how to get along. Our guest artists will teach us african drumming and dance to keep us moving!

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.



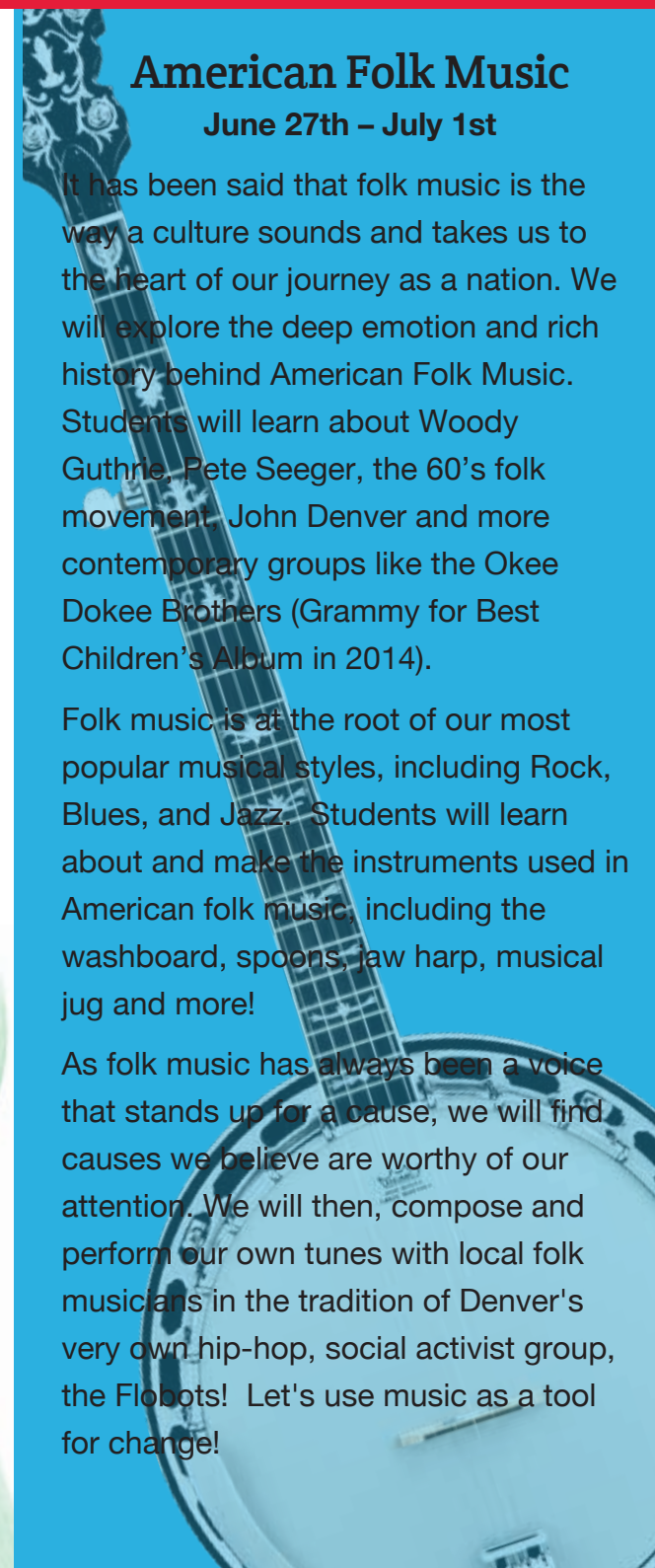
## American Folk Music

June 27th – July 1st

It has been said that folk music is the way a culture sounds and takes us to the heart of our journey as a nation. We will explore the deep emotion and rich history behind American Folk Music. Students will learn about Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, the 60's folk movement, John Denver and more contemporary groups like the Okee Dokee Brothers (Grammy for Best Children's Album in 2014).

Folk music is at the root of our most popular musical styles, including Rock, Blues, and Jazz. Students will learn about and make the instruments used in American folk music, including the washboard, spoons, jaw harp, musical jug and more!

As folk music has always been a voice that stands up for a cause, we will find causes we believe are worthy of our attention. We will then, compose and perform our own tunes with local folk musicians in the tradition of Denver's very own hip-hop, social activist group, the Flobots! Let's use music as a tool for change!



## Tyrannical Tunesters

July 11th – 15th

Unleash Your Creative Tyrant! Who doesn't like being in charge? We will put on our composer hats as we re-write the famous story of "Peter and the Wolf". What if Peter didn't catch the wolf?

We will spend our week with theatre coaches, modern interpretive dancers, and a resident string quartet. Using garage band composition software, electronic effects pedals, (looping, distortion, echo, etc.) and costumes, we will race to produce our modern masterpieces.

With 3 hours of rehearsal on our instrument per day, master classes, water balloon fights, art projects and research, we will grow as composers. We will end our week with a showcase for family and friends.

