

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 master's degree in Music Education and flute from CU Boulder. She has taught elementary through high school music in Colorado and California for twenty years and she is currently the elementary band director at Slavens K-8 and University Park Elementary. She has offered the BALM Summer programs for eight 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 eight 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 eighteen years. 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.

2018 Summer Camp Details

- All camps run Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 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:
University Park United
Methodist Church
2180 S. University Blvd.
Denver, CO 80210



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Big as Life Music Summer Band Camps



ROCK BAND CAMP

June 4th - June 8th

Punk, Metal, Glam, British Invasion? Join us as we explore the rock scene. We had so much fun last summer, we have to do it again. Same fun, but all new materials and projects. from Elvis to Van Halen, from the Beatles to Nirvana, 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. We will end the week with our own rock show for friends and family. Mohawks and leather jackets are welcome!



WORLD MUSIC CAMP- AUSTRALIA & ZIMBABWE

June 11th - June 15th

We will learn about each culture's traditions as we learn about their music! First, we will explore Australia, the land "Down Under"; home to kangaroos, koalas, the Great Barrier Reef, the Sydney Opera House and the Aboriginal people. Our special guests will share with us the Aboriginal understanding of the world called Dreamtime. After we learn about the history of the didgeridoo, we will make and paint our very own didgeridoo to take home and keep forever. This will, of course, require circular breathing, and we will learn that too!

Zimbabwe is home to Victoria Falls, beautiful ancient art, and the Shona people. From Highlife music to the marimba and mbira (finger piano), Zimbabwean music can't help but make you dance. Our guest artists will bring marimbas, drums, and mbiras for us to play and we will try to make our own! We will study Thomas Mapfumo, who is considered a national hero for his political music, influenced by hip-hop, reggae, R&B, and jazz, as he encouraged his nation to stand up for hope and integrity in politics. Amidst the political strife in Zimbabwe, we will explore the mighty power of music to give people hope and strength. Guest artists from each culture will engage us through dance, music, and food!



PUPPET ROCK BAND!

June 25th - 29th

"Does the Noise in My Head Bother You?" Steven Tyler of Aerosmith asks a great question! If you have lots of ideas and thoughts, you might have wondered this too! Join us for Rock Band Composition Camp. We will study famous bands in depth for tips on how to write our own smash hits. We will work on lyrics, study form, and chord progressions in famous rock songs, to get a back-scene look at what it takes to be a Rock Star. Our guest artists will show us how to create our own rock band puppets (much easier to put tattoos and piercings on them than ourselves!) Weezer, Ozzy Osbourne, Elton John, and Alice Cooper all sang with the Muppets! With our puppets ready, we will put our lyrics to music and create rock videos. We will also work on ventriloquism, giving our puppets their very own voices! As always, we will continue to rock hard! If you loved Rock Band Camp, you don't want to miss this. This camp is very different than and just as much fun as Rock Band Camp, so don't be afraid to do both!