

Book a Donna & Andy concert for your school 🎵

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In Nova Scotia and PEI

When?

2011 / 2012 school year

www.donnaandandy.com

What will happen?

ECMA award winners and JUNO nominees Donna & Andy will bring their own sound equipment to your school, set up, sing, play and provide your students, their siblings, staff and parents with one hour of great musical entertainment. After the performance, should time allow, Donna & Andy will visit classrooms for a question and answer session.

The performance consists of many of the original songs Donna and Andy have written and is very interactive without being “over the top rowdy”. The songs are suitable for students from **P - 6 (REALLY!)** and the size of the crowd is only restricted by the size of your space (50 or 500 students and siblings, teachers and parents, the more the merrier).

Why?

Because your students will enjoy singing along, you can learn some great songs to sing in your classroom, your students can meet live composers, because everyone deserves to have an enjoyable musical experience and because we like to perform for you! The music performed in the concert is supported by CDs and printed songbooks and teacher’s resources with curriculum extensions.

Cost?

\$350 to \$550 (plus HST) depending on the number of students in the school. Please contact us to get a pricing quote for your school.

When your school books a Donna & Andy concert, each P-6 classroom will receive a complimentary Donna & Andy CD.

Who?

Donna Rhodenizer and Andy Duinker are performers, composers, award-winning recording artists, publishers, and great entertainers. Their musical and energetic performances have been delighting audiences of all ages since 1996. Donna is a music educator when she is not “on the road” performing, or at home composing new music. Andy’s ability to sing with his extensive vocal range, and his great rapport with audience members of all ages, make him a natural on stage. Donna & Andy compose and perform their own music as well as printing, recording and distributing the music via their company Red Castle Publishing.

Donna & Andy have created ten recordings; with a nomination for a 2009 ECMA and receiving the 2004 East Coast Music Award (ECMA) for Children’s Recording of the Year (Computer Cat). They have multiple ECMA nominations, and Music Nova Scotia nominations and awards. They were **nominated for a 2007 Juno Award** for Children’s Album of the Year. Donna & Andy have also published five songbooks of their original songs, 2 cross-curricular Teacher’s Resources, and a number of choral selections. These publications are distributed to schools throughout Canada and the US.

Donna’s Songbooks, CDs and Teacher Resources can be found on the Nova Scotia Department of Education Approved Learning Resources List.

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for videos, music and to see the list of schools where they performed



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The talented duo of **Donna & Andy** is always ready to entertain children and families. Their original infectious songs cause uncontrollable audience participation. You should try the Penguin line dance, experience the Cat that ate the computer mouse and be amazed at Andy's chicken. Appropriate for children ages 3 to 13 and parents of all ages, everyone enjoys the show.

2007 **Juno Nominees**, Donna Rhodenizer and Andy Duinker have been performing professionally together since 1996. Their interactive musical performance features the keyboard, fiddle, accordion, and guitar with Donna & Andy's signature vocals, harmonies and comedy. Donna & Andy have performed for over 500,000 audience members in 1200 performances across Canada.

PARENTAL WARNING:

Once your children fall in love with Donna & Andy's songs, you may never get to listen to any other CDs. Donna & Andy CDs will be in constant rotation in the family vehicle.

Donna & Andy's Juno nominated CD, "Dinosaurs, Dragons and Me" also received an East Coast Music Awards (ECMA) nomination and a **Music Nova Scotia Award**. This CD can be used with the "Dinosaurs, Dragons and Me" songbook or Teacher's Resource. This follows a long tradition of Donna & Andy developing music resources for elementary school music programs. Teachers throughout North America welcome this authentic music for children that enrich their music programs.

Donna & Andy's recordings, "Blue Skies and Pirates" (2009) and "It's Christmas Time" (2007) received ECMA nominations for Children's Recording of the Year. Their "Computer Cat" CD won the **2004 ECMA Award** for Children's Recording of the Year as well as receiving a 2003 Music Nova Scotia Awards nomination. The songs on their CDs are presented in two versions: full performance tracks, as well as instrumental tracks. A complete songbook is also available for each one of Donna & Andy's song collections.

In addition to performing, composing and recording, Donna & Andy co-founded Red Castle Publishing to print and distribute their original music to schools and choirs across Canada and the U.S. They have published over 50 original songs in a series of four songbooks and 30 individual titles for choirs. Within the past 15 years, Donna & Andy and Red Castle Publishing have distributed 40,000 copies of their CDs, 5,000 songbooks and over 30,000 copies of single sheet music of their original songs.

Most CDs, songbooks and Teacher's resources developed by Donna Rhodenizer, Andy Duinker and Red Castle Publishing, are recognized by the Nova Scotia Department of Education as Approved Learning Resources. The Department of Education has endorsed the quality of Donna & Andy's original music and resources by purchasing two of their publications for every elementary school in Nova Scotia.

Donna Rhodenizer received a Music Nova Scotia nomination for Educator of the Year in 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2011. She also received the 2009 Nova Scotia Music Educators Association **Musica Viva Award** and the 2011 Canadian Music Educators association **Jubilate Award of Merit** for her dedicated contribution to music education in Canada.

Donna released an instrumental album of her original fiddle and violin works in the fall of 2010. Their song collection entitled "It's Christmas Time" is now available with printed and recorded French lyrics. The first fully French songbook and CD of Donna's songs entitled **La vie pour moi** was released in 2011.

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This is what folks are saying about Donna & Andy performances in elementary schools

“The Performance was excellent and enjoyed immensely by the students and staff. Very engaging and interactive, the students loved it.”

Liz Bailey, Principal

“Donna and Andy were great! We would highly recommend their performance to any school.”

Colleen Winchester, Vice Principal

“My students loved the performance and performers. Audience participation was fabulous (even from grade 8). Donna & Andy went out of their way to sign autographs and gave lots of positive feedback to students. They had great Donna & Andy stickers ready for student helpers and participants. They attended a gr. 6/7 class after the performance and answered questions from students about composing and music and instruments.

Besides a strong musical performance, both Donna & Andy were very personable with students. Donna was adept at dealing with less than appropriate questions from students (one student tried to guess her age). They provided a great opportunity to purchase materials and provided the school with a set of their CDs before the performance. I would highly recommend these performers to any school.”

Arlene Pineo, Music Specialist

“My students loved this concert. It was funny, participatory and well-paced. Donna & Andy know how to entertain kids! They are also great musicians who inspire kids with music composition and their ability to play several instruments. Fabulous!”

Jane Hawketts, Gr. 3 Teacher

“An excellent interactive music presentation. Entire audience engaged, participating and singing along.”

Angie Debertin, Gr. 3 Teacher

“Many thanks for your wonderful performance. Your high quality presentation was enjoyed by students and staff alike. The teachers were “rolling in the aisles” several times through your show. Along with the rich humour, your show is musically strong and is a delight to experience. Keep up the great work.”

Allan Gaskin, Principal

“Thanks so much for coming to two of my schools. I’ve heard nothing but positive comments about your wonderful show. Several teachers said your show was the best presentation they’ve ever seen for children. They had such a great time talking about lego, and stinky socks and grandmothers.....and everything. The kids are STILL excited. One boy (grade 2) told me he set a trap for Ed the Invisible Dragon in his bedroom. He put all of his little green plastic army men on the floor and if they get knocked over, he knows Ed was in his room visiting him. Another girl told me Invisible Ed was in her bedroom, because her bedroom blind fell off the window frame, and no one was in her room, so---it had to be ED.

I’ve had several other Ed sightings at our school. Some students are even wearing Invisible Glasses so they can spot him. It is so fun to watch them be kids. You really brought out the best in them.”

Crystal Hanson, Music Specialist