

Book a Donna & Andy concert for your school 🎵

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Ontario & Quebec

When?

May 7 – 25, 2012

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, parents and staff with one hour of great musical entertainment. Their interactive musical performance features the keyboard, fiddle, accordion, guitar and Ugly Stick with Donna & Andy's signature vocals, harmonies and comedy. The performance fully engages **JK - 6 students (REALLY!)**. After the performance, should time allow, Donna & Andy will visit with students for a question and answer session and autograph signing.

Why?

You can learn some great original Donna & Andy songs to sing in your classroom and your students will enjoy singing along. Your students can meet live composers. Students will have long lasting memories of an enjoyable musical experience. The music performed in the Donna & Andy concert is supported by **CDs and printed songbooks and teacher's resources with curricular extensions**. Donna & Andy's resources support elements of the **Arts Curriculum**. Look for their latest **bilingual resources**.

Cost?

\$400 to \$650 (plus GST/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 JK-6 classroom** will receive a complimentary Donna & Andy CD (value of \$12.50).

Contact us early for price quote and to reserve a concert date.

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 musical talent, and his great rapport with audience members of all ages, creates energy, excitement and laughter throughout the whole room. 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 developed ten recordings. They are **multiple award winners** and were **nominated** for a 2007 **Juno Award** for Children's Album of the Year. Donna & Andy have also published four songbooks of their original songs, 2 cross-curricular Teacher's Resources, a number of choral selections as well as bilingual resources. All Donna & Andy resources are distributed to schools throughout Canada and the US and can be purchased online at www.redcastlepublishing.com.

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Sing, clap, tap, and snap with Juno nominated and ECMA award winners [Donna & Andy](#)

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Expression of interest:

(this is not a contract and is only used for planning purposes)

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School name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Contact person and position: _____

Email: _____

Approximate total number of JK- 6 students in your school: _____

Which dates work best for a Donna & Andy concert at your school? _____

What time of day would be best for a Donna & Andy concert at your school? _____

Questions and comments: _____

Please fax this form to Donna & Andy as soon as possible to expedite the tour planning process.

Learn more about the complimentary Donna & Andy CDs your school will receive.

<http://www.redcastlepublishing.com/cd.html>

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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 400,000 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 and 2006. She also received the 2009 Nova Scotia Music Educators Association **Musica Viva Award** for her dedicated contribution to music education in the province.

Donna released an instrumental album of her original fiddle and violin works in the fall of 2010. Donna & Andy's next children's album is to be released in November 2011. Their song collection entitled "It's Christmas Time" is now available with printed and recorded French lyrics. Their second collection of original Christmas songs by Donna, entitled "Christmas Encore", is slated for release in the fall of 2012.

For more information go to: www.donnaandandy.com

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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

Donna Rhodenizer, recipient of the 2011 Jubilate Award of Merit.

The Canadian Music Educators' Association (CMEA) awards program was established to acknowledge excellence in music education occurring across the country. Awards are presented once every two years if there is a worthy recipient. One of these awards, the Jubilate Award of Merit, is presented in recognition of significant contribution to music education in Canada. Donna Rhodenizer was the 2011 recipient of this award which was presented at the October Nova Scotia Music Educators' Association (NSMEA) conference in Antigonish, NS. Donna's music education colleagues acknowledged her accomplishment with a standing ovation as she received her award.



Donna is currently an elementary music education specialist at Kings County Academy in Kentville, NS. Donna's involvement in music education began while she was still in university. She taught private violin and piano students while attending Acadia University and continued instructing violin students as she pursued her Masters of Music Education at Brandon University.

When Donna began teaching elementary school music in 1985, she began composing songs for her students to sing. Since then, she has published 60 songs in eight publications, two of which are in French, two dozen choral octavos, multiple violin and piano compositions and 10 recordings. She is a Juno nominee and an ECMA winner, representing endorsement by the music industry for her excellent children's recordings.

Donna's music is well-loved by students and teachers alike for its imagination, musicality and memorable tunes. Her music has been used and performed by elementary school students and choirs across Canada and the US as well as in Austria, Ireland, Spain, Sierra Leone, Australia, Trinidad and Tobago, England and Nepal.

Donna is also known for over 30 choral pieces and is in demand as a commissioned composer. She was commissioned by the NSMEA to write a composition celebrating the 50th anniversary of the NSMEA. Her song, "Celebrate!" was premiered at the conference by a group of her enthusiastic teaching colleagues and included singers, handbells, recorder, percussion and piano.

Donna not only creates music for students, she also shares her passion for music and her knowledge and wealth of teaching experience with music educators across the country. She has delivered workshops for teachers in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

One of the mandates of the CMEA organization is to "foster the advancement of teaching and the life-long learning of music." Donna Rhodenizer has certainly internalized that mandate with creative passion, the results of which have provided music educators and their students a rich and lasting legacy of music.