



Donna & Andy Memberships Music Education Opportunity for Schools, School Boards / Districts

Donna & Andy (Donna Rhodenizer and Andy Duinker) have always been strong advocates for the importance of music and supporters of music education programs for young singers. Donna & Andy are interested in partnering with schools, school boards/districts to provide meaningful music experiences for young students.

Even though 2020 has seen the curtailing of gathering groups of students to enjoy live concerts, music and singing is still an important part of the education of our children.

The Music Council (MSIC), a special interest council of the NLTA, has created a foundational document: GUIDANCE FOR MUSIC CLASSES IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR DURING COVID-19. The Introduction of that document provides the following perspective:

It has been through music and the Arts that people around the globe have joined together and created a sense of community that has helped to calm the effects of living through a pandemic. It is obvious that music has become somewhat of an “antidote” to help us deal with the new normal of living in the time of pandemic.

Music educators create safe environments for students of all ages and abilities. Music class allows for the creation, expression and development of the whole child as they explore, learn and experiment through learning music. Music is at the core of our school culture and community, providing a unique opportunity for learning and engagement while students intrinsically develop interpersonal skills through musicianship. Furthermore, the connections to academic success, creative and critical thinking as well as connections to culture are all supported by music education.

It is Donna & Andy’s commitment to provide access to our music as easy as possible and do our part to help the delivery of good music to young singers in school and at home.

Who are Donna & Andy and why is their music so great for children?

Donna was an elementary music education specialist for 35+ years and her original compositions and classroom activities reflect her vast experience in the music classroom. Donna & Andy have performed and recorded their original music for children for 25 years.

Donna & Andy have created music that is

- included on the Nova Scotia Approved Learning Resources List from the NS Department of Education
- used in school music programs around the world;
- included in the graded Royal Conservatory Vocal series used in private voice studios for standardized vocal examinations
- performed by choral groups of all ages
- recognized with awards and nominations at provincial, regional and national levels

Donna & Andy have created a membership platform to make their songs and teaching activities available online to your students and teachers. Donna & Andy’s online songs and teaching activities provide:

- enrichment
- extension of music from classroom to home environment
- support for music teachers AND parents
- the opportunity for children to keep singing safely at home, even during this stressful time

You are invited to go to this link to see and hear the top quality of the songs and activities Donna & Andy are offering for your students. <https://donnaandandy.com/>

Discounts and savings for Schools, School Boards / Districts

- Schools can receive substantial discounts for bulk purchases of Donna & Andy “Top of the Class” Memberships for student families. Contact Donna & Andy directly to discuss your school needs. andy@redcastlepublishing.com

Option 1 – School Bulk Purchase

Administrators may purchase in bulk for the entire school population, usually one membership per family. (NOTE: This is not a child-based, interactive website. The parent/guardian will sign up and manage the music and activity downloads their family will access.)

Bulk purchases are paid by invoice in the currency of your choice.

A school code (membership link) is provided for all families to sign up independently. When the school pays for the bulk membership package, there is no cost to the student families to go to the website and receive their membership.

Number of “Top of the Class” memberships	Cost (USD)	Cost (CAD)
Up to 20	10.00 each	12.00 each
20 – up to 100	6.00 each	7.50 each
100 - 500	3.00 each	4.00 each
500 - 1000	2.00 each	2.50 each
Over 1000	Contact Andy to negotiate a member rate	

Option 2 – Each Family Pays

The school will negotiate a bulk rate and receive a school code for its school families.

Families receive an email from the school with the discount code and a link to the website.

Membership sign ups are made by individual families at the family rate the school negotiated with Donna & Andy.

Option 3 – Board/District-wide Purchase

School boards and school districts can receive substantial savings when purchasing Donna & Andy memberships for all student families within the board/district.

Board-wide purchases work similarly to Option 1, above.

Memberships are purchased for a one-year period (renewable).

Contact Donna & Andy directly to discuss details

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is less significant than the fact that
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_ Cherly Lavender