



## Greetings!

### Principal - - - Music Teacher - - - Parent Advisory Council Executive

Award winning performers Donna & Andy are planning concerts in Elementary Schools across Canada **May 1 – June 16, 2023**. Please see the attached flyer and bio information for details. Also go to [www.donnaandandy.com](http://www.donnaandandy.com) for more information.

If your school is interested in a Donna & Andy concert, please fill in the "Expression of Interest" form and return to Andy:

fax 902 681 5513

email [andy@redcastlepublishing.com](mailto:andy@redcastlepublishing.com)

You are also invited to go to Donna & Andy's [publishing website](http://www.donnaandandy.com) to see information on their original music resources for elementary schools and choirs.

Please contact Andy if you have any questions or require further information.  
902 681 6260

Hope to see you at a Donna & Andy concert soon!



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# Book a Donna & Andy concert for your school

## When?

**May 1 - June 16, 2023**  
**Across Canada**



## How?

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Phone: (902) 681-6260 (Andy)

## What will happen?

### A one-hour concert with ECMA award winners and JUNO nominees Donna & Andy

- Enjoy story telling and original songs in an interactive, musical and educational presentation.
- Andy's great audience rapport and Donna's expertise as a K-6 music specialist guarantee a concert that is tailored to the diverse needs of a K-6 audience.

## Why?

- ✓ Support the delivery of music curriculum outcomes
- ✓ Meet live composers
- ✓ Hear folk instruments of Atlantic Canada: accordion, fiddle and Newfoundland Ugly Stick
- ✓ Participate by singing, doing actions, playing instruments, or dancing in selected songs

## Who? Donna Rhodenizer and Andy Duinker (Donna & Andy)

- performers, composers, award-winning recording artists and publishers. Their energetic musical presentation has delighted audiences of all ages since 1996 in over 1000 elementary school performances
- created ten recordings with multiple ECMA and Music Nova Scotia nominations and awards.
- **nominated for a 2007 Juno Award** for Children's Album of the Year.
- published five songbooks of their original songs (including two French publications), two cross-curricular Teacher's Resources, and many single-song downloads and choral selections. Their music is used in schools throughout Canada, the US, Trinidad and Tobago, Australia, Europe and Hong Kong.

## Cost?

\$300 to \$650 (plus HST) depending on the number of students in the school. Small schools are invited to negotiate a rate based on \$2 per student (min fee of \$300). Please contact us to get a pricing quote for your school.

For videos, music, and Donna & Andy information go to

[www.donnaandandy.com](http://www.donnaandandy.com)

<https://www.youtube.com/c/donnaandy>



# Donna & Andy concert for JK-6 students

Sing, clap, tap, and snap with Juno nominated and ECMA award winners Donna & Andy

## Elementary Schools in Canada

Contact:

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Donna & Andy

**Expression of interest** for a  
Donna & Andy concert at your school:

**May 1 – June 16, 2023**

If you are interested in a Donna & Andy concert for your school, please fill in this form. This form is not a contract and is only used for planning purposes. Please refer to "Protocol Expectations" included in this document package.

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person and position: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Number of classrooms JK-6 attending concert: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate total number of JK-6 students attending concert: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred concert date and time: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions and comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please fax or email this form to Andy as soon as possible to expedite the planning process.

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## PROTOCOL EXPECTATIONS – May - June 2023



We are delighted with the possibility of presenting Donna & Andy concerts in your area. To facilitate the best possible experience for all involved we need to establish protocol expectations before arriving at your school. We will only perform at your school if the protocols outlined below are considered acceptable to both us and to your school.

During our visit to your school we will not be masked. This includes during the process of moving our sound gear from our vehicle to the performance location, setting up the gear, sound checking, during our performance, and repacking and moving gear back to our vehicle.

Over the years we have developed a highly interactive concert presentation for students. In addition to standing “at the front” and performing, we also interact in a variety of ways with the audience. In the past this has included Donna moving throughout the audience to give students a closer look at the accordion as she is playing. Donna also goes into the audience and selects students to give individual responses using her microphone. Student volunteers are invited to leave their spots and join us, using instruments provided by Donna & Andy to take part in a “kitchen party” instrumental selection. These instruments will have been used by other students in other schools. These are not instruments that can be sanitized and there is no guarantee that they are disinfected from previous users. There is also a line dance for selected volunteers. We also love to talk with students after the performance and sign autographed stickers (which we provide).

If any of the above factors cause the school issues in any way, we would appreciate knowing ahead of time. If our non-masking is an issue we would be happy to consider a presentation at a later date. If there are issues with songs that include interactions with individual students during our show, we can either adapt the song or replace it with a different one if we know in advance.

We are excited with the prospect of sharing our music with children in your school. Their enjoyment and participation is one of our greatest joys!

Name of respondent/title: \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate “yes” or “no” for the following items to assist us as we prepare for the Donna & Andy concert at your school. **Return the answers below to [andy@redcastlepublishing.com](mailto:andy@redcastlepublishing.com)**

\_\_\_\_\_ It is acceptable for Donna & Andy to be unmasked while at our school

\_\_\_\_\_ Donna may move around among the students with her accordion.

\_\_\_\_\_ Donna may select individual students to give a response using Donna’s microphone.

\_\_\_\_\_ Students may volunteer to join Donna & Andy as performers (one song) and use instruments provided by Donna & Andy.

\_\_\_\_\_ Students may be selected to join Donna & Andy as part of a line dance (no instruments).

\_\_\_\_\_ Donna & Andy may interact with students and provide autographed stickers.

(Sample document - included with the contract)

## CHECKLIST - Donna & Andy Concert at Your School

With 27 years of experience performing for children, we know the following items facilitate a successful Donna & Andy performance.

Thank you for working with us to provide the very best concert experience for your students!

**ATTN:** - Concert organizer  
- Principal  
- Teachers

School \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>An empty performance space 90 minutes before the concert start time</b> to bring in equipment, set up, and sound check. (Gym classes cannot be occurring at this time)
	30 minutes following the show to pack up our equipment and remove it.
	Space for Donna & Andy to <b>set up on the floor</b> (a stage is <u>not</u> required).
	<b>Electrical outlets</b> (we provide all extension cords and sound equipment)
	<b>A small table</b> (student desk) upon which to put the sound board (if there is a stage we will use that surface).
	<b>Students seated on the floor</b> – <i>not</i> in chairs
	A <b>centre aisle</b> down the middle of the seated students (Approximately 3 feet wide)
	<b>Teachers in chairs or benches</b> along the sides of the audience near their students.
	Donna & Andy will try to accommodate <b>listening devices for hearing impaired students.</b> <b>Advance notice is required</b> to give us time to figure out how to connect to our sound system.
	<b>A large table</b> at the back of the room is required for CDs and educational resources to be displayed. CDs are offered at a special school price (5.00). CDs and printed music may be purchased following the performance.
	<b>Autographs</b> are cheerfully given as time permits at the conclusion of the concert. Paper for autographs is provided by Donna & Andy.
	Teachers' assistance is requested to help organize autograph seekers.
	Chairs at the back for visiting parents and younger siblings of audience members (if there is space and if the school wishes to include visitors)
	Video recording during the performance is permitted with previous authorization from Donna & Andy. Still photos are permitted and encouraged during the concert.

Donna & Andy videos (some in French) are available for pre and post concert viewing on YouTube (Search for "Donna & Andy") or use the link [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=donna+%26+andy](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=donna+%26+andy)

Please encourage students and parents to go to <https://donnaandandy.com/> to listen to Donna & Andy Concert Songs and download **10 free songs.**

We are looking forward to joining your students and staff for a wonderful musical experience at your school.