



**Features
and Benefits**

Donna & Andy Membership



Teachers

**Music (+ more) for
Elementary & Pre-school Classrooms
AND
Quarantined and Stay-at-Home Kids!**

- **3 membership level options**
- **36 fantastic songs for listening and learning**
- **36 instrumental tracks for karaoke-style performances**
- **Lyrics**
- **Coloring pages**
- **Activities (multiple subject areas)**

More details and song samples

<https://donnaandandy.com>

<https://donnaandandyconcert.com/>



Donna & Andy Membership options

3 membership options to best suit your unique situation

1. **Five Free Faves** - stream or download Donna & Andy's 5 most popular concert songs
2. **A⁺** - Stream or download 36 Donna & Andy songs!
3. **Top of the Class** - Stream or download 36 Donna & Andy songs
PLUS - lyrics, 36 instrumental tracks, coloring pages, activities, videos and more!!

Provide your student with the **advantages** of a Donna & Andy Membership

- ✓ cultivate their natural interest in making music
- ✓ give them songs with age-appropriate lyrics that are not trite or condescending.
- ✓ encourage imagination and creativity
- ✓ your students can sing along with two of the best musicians in the business!

Top of the Class - features

Songs

- **36 songs from 3 Donna & Andy CDs.** Performance AND instrumental/karaoke tracks!
- Students can **listen and sing along** at home with professional singers and musicians
- **Vocal modeling** is done for you and your students in ranges that are appropriate for young voices
- **GREAT backing tracks** (instrumental tracks) can be used for concerts, assemblies and at-home singing
Your young singers will enjoy singing with a professional back-up band!
- **Log-in and stream directly** from the on-page player
- **Download your favorite tracks** to your device.
Downloads are recommended to avoid internet access issues or delays.

Lyrics

- View on the site or download to your device.
- Lyrics help reading (literacy), listening and singing along.

Coloring pages

- 36 coloring pages add additional fun while listening to the tracks.
- Can be sent home as an activity to do WHILE listening to the music.

Activities

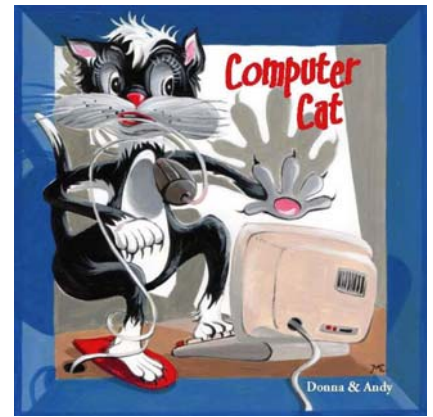
- Activities provide a variety of cross-curricular connections that can be shared with colleagues in the regular classroom. The music becomes a link between the music room and the regular classroom.
- Your students will not even realize they are doing Fine arts, language arts, math, science and social studies because they will be having so much FUN!
- Activities can be done in small or large class groups, or be assigned for home study and enrichment.
- Activities can be shared with colleagues to promote cross-curricular connections and extend the learning related to the music/songs the students have been learning.

Bonus

- Additional coloring pages, activities and videos are added and updated on a regular basis.



Computer Cat



East Coast Music Award (ECMA) winner for Children's Recording of the Year

Performing for children and families since 1996, Donna & Andy presents **Computer Cat**, a collection of original songs written by Donna Rhodenizer.

There are 12 songs ranging in style from a penguin waltz to boogie woogie birds on the telephone wire, and a jazzy cat having computer mouse problems.

The CD also contains 12 instrumental accompaniment tracks - one for each song.

Amazing studio musicians added their talents to the instrumental tracks, creating a superb listening experience for children and adults alike.

[Listen to samples](#)

REVIEW:

Computer Cat tells the tale of a cat who, with extremely poor judgment, decides to eat the computer mouse. Imagine a household that must use the cat if they want to use the computer! With a gentle jazz feel and some authentic cat sound effects, this tune is a creative mix of good music and clever lyrics.

Penguin Parade is the first of four penguin songs on this CD. Against a backdrop of a pleasant march, hear about the penguins parading to their favourite swimming location and then happily waddling back home. Get ready for your waddling solo!

Pondering Penguins is a cheery collection of penguin facts. Banjo and vocal bass create a good-natured accompaniment that complements and supports the lyrics of this catchy children's song. With a touch of country flavour, audiences attending live "Donna & Andy shows" have been known to join in a penguin line dance during this song.

The Penguin Ball features Andy's mellow vocals. Gentle harp and glockenspiel are joined by cello and French horn as the backdrop for the penguins who gather for a delightful and romantic moonlit waltz on the beach.

I Wonder is Donna's musing at the "clothing choices" of a penguin. Pizzicato strings are accompanied by Andy's vocal bass and drumsticks on a sheet of aspenite. It is inevitable that our penguin "fashion plate" is left with some rather predictable colour choices for his attire.

My Hamster will tug at your heartstrings. Arpeggiated guitar and cello add instrumental support to the simple and plaintive story of a pet owner who has lost his beloved hamster. (Composer's note: Although the song does not provide details of the story's conclusion, the real-life hamster and inspiration for this song did show up two days after the song was written.)

Packing chronicles the packing woes of the seasoned traveler. Donna & Andy are joined by "The Relative Minors" (children from their respective households) to help sing the "exponential" list of essentials required when one goes on vacation. Of course we all know the most important thing is - "don't forget your underwear"! Or is it? Checking the plane ticket might also be a good idea.

Vacation Song is written in a style that will conjure up visions of palm trees and great vacation destinations. Each member of the family chooses a different vacation location identified by distinct instrumental riffs. By song's end, each one is invited to return home to play some great vacation music together.

Forty Little Birdies may answer the question of "what do birds do all day when they are sitting on the telephone wire?" Get ready to sing along with your own jazzy improvisational peeping and be prepared to tap your toes to the catchy boogie woogie style accompaniment.

Splashing in the Puddles is a pleasant "soft shoe" that gives Andy a chance to sing "call and answer" with Donna and the Relative Minors. Embrace positive thinking and an attitude that sees rainy days as opportunities to "go out and play" rather than a reason to be grumpy.

I'm Wishing is a reflective ballad about wishing. The young solo voice that begins the song is joined by "Aunt Donna" and together, the two singers make thoughtful wishes for things to make the world a better place. Accompanied by guitar, cello and flute, this song sparkles just as brightly as the star upon which the singers are wishing.

We are the Children of the World celebrates the things that make us unique and also those things that unite us all as "children of the world". Written in pop style, the song begins with adult voices, adding children's voices, more intense instrumentals and multiple parts until reaching the final rousing chorus.

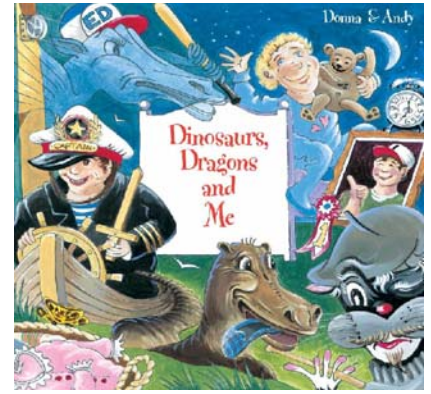
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Dinosaurs, Dragons and Me



[Listen to samples](#)

Juno nominee for “Children’s Recording of the Year”

Dinosaurs, Dragons and Me is a collection of original songs written by Donna Rhodenizer. There are 12 tracks ranging in style from a lullaby/tango, to bluegrass, to blues and pop. The CD also contains instrumental accompaniment tracks for each song. Some of the finest jazz, blues and bluegrass musicians joined Donna & Andy in the studio to create authentic music stylings, and an enjoyable CD for children and adults alike.

REVIEW:

Ed the Invisible Dragon is the tale of an imaginary creature who causes unexplained mishaps and messes in the household. With saucy sax riffs and the addition of B3 Hammond organ, this tune is the right combination of secret service stealth and mischief.

The Most Important Person showcases Andy’s vocal talents as he provides a different voice for five distinct characters! Each character believes he is the most important person on the ship. It is a bit of a verbal battle, but the Captain wins out in the end!

I Need a Home for my Dinosaur explores the dilemma of having a pet that eats more than he should and must be given away. Tuba and banjo create a good-natured accompaniment that complements and supports the lyrics of this delightful children’s song. I Need a Home for my Dinosaur is one of Donna’s earliest songs for children, and it has become a favourite of many fans, young and old.

Gramma’s Pajamas highlights Gramma’s problems with her lacy pink pajamas. With too much giggling and not enough sleep, Gramma is tired and ready to try almost anything (except giving up her lacy pink “jammies”) to get some rest. The fiddling of Gordon Stobbe and the solid bluegrass guitar and banjo stylings of Greg Simm bring this tune to life and will ensure a special spot in the “favourites” list.

The Best One for the Job focuses on all the things a person enjoys as a unique individual. The lyrics promote self-esteem and the message to “be happy with yourself”. Authentic accordion accompaniment adds a great flavour to this tune.

Cool Bob is a blues tune with attitude. Over the standard I-IV-V-I blues changes, Andy narrates the story of a man and his cat, both known as “Cool Bob” who have learned how to make a living on the street as jazz musicians. If you can snap your fingers, get them ready, you will want to use them on this song!

The “Can’t Wait ‘til I’m Older” Blues examines some of the pitfalls that might occur in the future once we procure those things we all think we want – a car, a great job and a place of our own. The sax takes its turn at wailing the blues during the instrumental third verse.

No More School for Me! welcomes those unexpected holidays when snow limits our ability to leave the house and when staying in bed is the only logical option. Written in a style that could be described as “Leroy Anderson meets mall music” this song is catchy and as delightful as a winter sleigh ride.

Bedtime Tango is written from the perspective of a child who has been sent to bed, but who is not ready to go to sleep. Juxtaposing a lullaby with a tango, this song will either help you sleep or send you searching for a rose to clamp in your teeth as you tango behind closed doors.

Sleep Gently Tiny Child features The Relative Minors (children from Donna’s extended family) accompanied by harp (Jennifer Wyatt) and four-part vocal harmony by Donna & Andy. The combination creates a lovely lullaby, and a quiet gem tucked in amongst the more lively songs in this collection.

Just Passing By was written for Donna’s students who were graduating. The words are thoughtful, inspiring and contain a great message for anyone facing life changes. Andy’s mellow baritone lead voice is supported by Donna and the “Relative Minors”, creating a pop hit.

Raise Up Your Voices celebrates the joy of sharing music with others. With driving percussion, funky bass and even a “wa wa” guitar, this rhythmic celebration of singing is a great finale song for this collection.



Blue Skies and Pirates



Juno nominees and ECMA award winners - Donna & Andy

Donna Rhodenizer and Andy Duinker have been creating top quality music for children since 1996. Fans are sure to enjoy listening and sing-along with the twelve songs on Donna & Andy's *Blue Skies and Pirates*.

Blue Skies and Pirates has clever lyrics, a variety of musical styles, and musicality that creates a pleasurable listening experience for the whole family. Finally, parents can listen to one of their kids' CDs and enjoy the experience!

[Listen to samples](#)

Listeners will hear the influence of rural Nova Scotia in the songs written by these Maritime-born, Canadian composers. However, geographical restrictions are left behind with a variety of styles reflecting the influence of blues, classical, jazz, ragtime, and even a cha cha. Some of Nova Scotia's finest musicians made guest appearances on the CD, providing a deep pool of talent and creating authentic accompaniment tracks for all the songs.

REVIEW:

Get Up in the Mornin' A cheerful look at a variety of weather in a solid, rocking jazzy setting. Do not be grumpy, sad or blue, and definitely do not "sass" Momma Nature as she sends a variety of weather upon the world.

I'd Rather be a Bear What's not to like? Bears get to eat a lot, get fat, and then sleep the winter months away. Playing in the sun and then going back to bed, round out their enviable lifestyle. Set in a style reminiscent of the classical tale of *Peter and the Wolf* by Prokofiev, listeners will soon find themselves singing along and maybe even looking at those wild blackberry bushes with more than normal interest.

Best Friends The escapades of two friends that always seem to require apologetic reconnection. If you have ever been chased by a bull, unsuccessfully attempted to jump a major mud puddle or stumbled on a nest of bees with your "best" friend, this song will strike a familiar chord.

I Got a Sister (but I wanted a dog) What self-respecting youngster who asked for a dog would be satisfied when a sister shows up instead? Everyone knows a dog will do things a sister would not. How could parents misunderstand that? This 6/8 blues style offering has gritty harmonica highlights and will certainly be a favourite of siblings everywhere.

Who's in the Tub? Add to the tub - lots of water, a duck, a chicken, a tuba, a cat and anyone else you can find and get ready to sing along. Accompanied by soprano saxophone, banjo, bassoon and tuba, this song may become as much of a bath time staple as a rubber ducky.

Dust Bunny Rag Everyone has those pesky little dust bunnies. Finally, a song in which someone is able to come clean and admit it! Ragtime seemed to be the most appropriate setting for those inclined to try to win the war on dust, although our advice is to throw in the dust rag and learn to live with the dust bunnies.

Singin' the Blues In a true blues song it is common that the singer loses their girl and their truck, their dog runs away, it's raining and Momma is in jail. This song is from the perspective of a child who may have different issues than the grown ups, but who still finds reasons to sing the blues.

Donna-Andy Cha Cha Cha Grab your dancing shoes and get ready to Cha Cha Cha. Listen to the hot sax and trumpet section and good instructions given in the lyrics and you won't even need those expensive dance lessons!

It's a Pirate's Life for Me Imagine a ship full of singing pirates when you listen to this song. Accordion, guitar and a bass trombone create the perfect on-board ambiance required to sing about talking birds, swords and walking the plank. To the sea! To the sea!

Phone Me This song is dedicated to all those who have ever experienced the frustration of being unable to leave that important message on someone else's answering machine. A sultry "back alley" trumpet and walking bass give movement to this slow, jazzy song of complaint.

Star Light Star Bright Close your eyes and remember wishing on an early evening star. Maybe that star would like to make a wish, or is it all just wishful thinking on our part? With hints of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and fine saxophone stylings, this beautiful song is reflective and plaintive.

Someone Like Me A young solo voice is joined by an adult asking the same question: what can one person do to affect change? Each small contribution helps, and combining forces with others creates a force that can accomplish much. "Maybe what the world needs is someone like me." In a pop style with a message promoting self-esteem, this song is sure to be a favourite selection for elementary school choirs and soloists.

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5 most popular Donna & Andy concert songs

Ed the Invisible Dragon
It's a Pirates Life for Me
I'd Rather be a Bear
Pondering Penguins (penguin line dance)
Donna-Andy Cha Cha Cha
Plus - Bonuses

A+ ~~\$11.97~~/yr. (USD)

Limited Time - only **\$2.00** when using coupon code

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36 songs from 3 Donna & Andy CD's

Blue Skies and Pirates
Computer Cat
Dinosaurs, Dragons and Me

Plus - Bonuses

Social Distancing Special for everyone stuck at home
Use Coupon Code [MUSIC-AT-HOME](#)
at Check-out for **\$9.97** discount

Top of the Class ~~\$20.20~~/ yr. (USD)

Limited Time - only **\$10.23** when using coupon code

Stream and/or Download
All 72 Donna & Andy tracks from 3 Donna & Andy CDs
(36 songs and 36 instrumental/karaoke tracks)

Blue Skies and Pirates
Computer Cat
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Plus

- Lyrics for 36 songs
- 36 coloring pages - one for each song
- Over 350 Activities for Home or School
- Bonuses

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We know you want to do the right thing, but sometimes it is not clear what is and is not permitted. Maybe we can help clear up some confusion with answers to some frequently asked questions.

Teachers and School Administrators

May I make copies of printed pages for my students? Yes

May I make copies of activities for my students as assignments to take home?
Yes

May I make copies of pages to give to other teachers in my school, so they can do the activities in the regular classroom and support my music program?
Yes

May I make copies of pages to give to other teachers in my school, so they can create their own units and activities in their regular classroom?
No. Please direct them to donnaandandy.com to purchase their own membership.

May I make copies of pages to give to other teachers outside of my school so they can do the activities with their students? No. Please direct them to donnaandandy.com to purchase their own membership.

May I save copies of the MP3s on multiple devices that I use? (e.g. my phone, a tablet and the school computer) Yes. Do whatever you need to support the delivery of your music program.

May I make copies of the MP3s to give to my students. No. Please direct student families to donnaandandy.com to purchase their own membership. You may also get a special school/group membership rate. Contact donnaandandy.com for details and pricing.

May I make a copy of an MP3 to give to a teaching colleague? No. Please direct them to donnaandandy.com to purchase their own membership.

Is there a charge to use the MP3 tracks and the songs in performances? No

Parents, Grandparents and Families

May I make copies of printed pages for my children? Yes

May I make copies of pages to give to relatives so they can do the activities with their children? No. Please direct them to donnaandandy.com to purchase their own membership.

May I make copies of pages to give to other families so they can do the activities with their children? No. Please direct them to donnaandandy.com to purchase their own membership.

May I save copies of the MP3s on multiple devices that I use? (e.g. my phone, a tablet or computer) Yes. You may save multiple copies of the MP3s as long as it is only on devices that are used by members of your immediate household.

May I make copies of the MP3s to give to friends and other family members who do not live with me? No. Please direct them to donnaandandy.com to purchase their own membership.

Is there a charge to use the MP3 tracks and the songs in performances? (like music festivals or community talent shows) No, there is no charge for you to use your Donna & Andy membership MP3 tracks in local performances.

If you have ANY questions not answered above, we are available through email. Please do not hesitate to reach out and contact us.

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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