



SCHOOL MEDIA RELEASE

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'Spooktacular' Happenings

Students at W.E. Miller Public School will be celebrating Halloween with a number of activities this week. On Thursday, October 29th, grade three students will be displaying the artwork they've created with Alisa Brooks. Brooks is a well known local artist who has been involved with projects involving the Toronto Raptors, the producers of Jurassic Park, and the Land Before Time. She's been helping students create characters using paper and cloth maché. Parents and students can view the art between 11:00am-1:00pm.

Miller's annual Halloween Parade begins the day on Friday, October 30th. At 9:15am, students from Kindergarten through to Grade 6 will parade through the school in full costumes.

At 11:30, the school is proud to host a concert featuring Andy Duinker and Donna Rodenizer – musicians who have been nominated for a Juno award for their work with children's music (bio included).

We look forward to seeing you join us at our school!

Thursday, October 29th – artwork display with Alisa Brooks, 11:00am-1:00pm

Friday, October 30th – Halloween Parade at 9:15am

-Concert with Donna & Andy in the gym, 11:30am

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Donna & Andy



The dynamic duo of Donna & Andy are 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.

2007 Juno Nominees, Donna Rhodenizer and Andy Duinker have been performing professionally together since 1996. Andy's extensive vocal range and guitar, Donna's keyboard and vocals, and the addition of violin create a versatile and varied performance. Donna & Andy have performed for over 250,000 audience members in 1000 performances throughout Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, PEI, Newfoundland, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The songs on their 2009 ECMA nominated CD "Blue Skies and Pirates" are in a variety of musical styles and instrumental arrangements, creating an exciting listening experience. Donna & Andy are also joined by some of the finest studio musicians including Jamie Gatti, Greg Simm, Don Chapman, Chris Mitchell, Ross Billard, Rick Waychesko, Mike Farrington, Tim Keels, Ivor Rothwell, James Eager and more. The 12 songs on this CD are presented in two versions: full performance tracks, as well as instrumental tracks. The instrumental tracks are often used by elementary students who sing along for elementary school concerts and assemblies. Children at home also like to sing along with the instrumental tracks when they can choose their favourite songs to sing for their admiring family and friends.

PARENTAL WARNING:

Once your kids fall in love with Donna & Andy's songs, you may never get to listen to any other CDs. Donna & Andy CDs are in constant rotation in the van.

Donna & Andy's Juno nominated CD, "Dinosaurs, Dragons and Me" also received an 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 enriches their music programs.

Donna & Andy's recording "It's Christmas Time" was nominated for a 2007 ECMA for Children's Recording of the Year. Their "Computer Cat" CD garnered a 2004 ECMA Award for Children's Recording of the Year as well as receiving a 2003 Music Nova Scotia nomination. Donna Rhodenizer also received a Music Nova Scotia nomination for Educator of the Year in 2003, 2004 and 2006.

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.

Most music products, including CDs and songbooks 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 the song collections for every elementary school in Nova Scotia.

Within the past 13 years, Donna & Andy and Red Castle Publishing have distributed 20,000 copies of their CDs, 3,000 songbooks and over 15,000 copies of single sheet music of their original songs.

Donna & Andy are working on an instrumental album of Donna's original fiddle and violin works as well as the next children's album to be released in November 2009. Their second collection of original Christmas songs by Donna, entitled "Christmas Encore", is slated for release in the fall of 2010.

For more information go to:

www.donnaandandy.com
www.redcastlepublishing.com

Listen to Donna & Andy CDs at these links: <http://cdbaby.com/all/donnaandandy>
<http://sonicbids.com/DonnaAndy>