DONAIS STUDIOS

WELCOME TO THE DONAIS STUDIOS 2022/2023 SEASON

Ignite, Discover & Share...

The Artist Within

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WELCOME!

Hello! My name is Andrea Donais and I'm the Founder and Artistic Director of Donais Studios. I am a wife, mom, singer, choral conductor and educator on a mission to reimagine the way arts education looks and feels.

In 2017, the year my daughter was born, I decided it was time to start my own business. I had a wonderful career as a classroom Music Teacher and the Director of Education for a professional children's choir, but my experience had shown me that it was time to create a new path for artists and arts education.

I set out on a journey to create a warm and inviting environment for artists of all ages and levels of experience to discover the transformative power of the arts. An environment that was welcoming, supportive and collaborative. A place free of elitism, ego and the judgment that I often encountered in the performing arts throughout my life and career.

I believe, no, I KNOW, that the performing arts offer a transformative path for finding a deep inner strength. This inner strength leads to the confidence to express freely, to listen deeply, and to show up in the world with conviction, commitment and connection.

I feel incredibly privileged to help artists discover the *Artist Within* through the performing arts. We have an amazing community of artists and teaching artists here at Donais Studios.

We offer the highest quality of arts education and we are here to be your biggest cheerleader!

We can't wait to share this journey with you. Welcome to Donais Studios. We are glad you are here.

Xo Andrea Donais
Andrea "*showing up with conviction, commitment & connection*" Donais

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INTRODUCTION

Donais Studios exists to provide transformative arts education experiences for youth and families of all ages and levels of experience in our community.

Through collaborative arts education programming, innovative curriculum development and intentional performance opportunities; artists are empowered to truly see what they are capable of and to reach their full potential.

Donais Studios, located in the historic district of Newmarket, ON offers private music lessons, small group classes and summer camp programs for young artists, and a flagship choral program - RISE. Our programs help you discover, ignite and share the *Artist Within*!

Believing in yourself and your abilities is the cornerstone of discovering the *Artist Within* and the first step in finding your confidence and inner strength: a resilience and grit that stays with you for life.

We feel incredibly privileged and honoured to help artists discover the *Artist Within* through the performing arts.

The Artist Within is a beautiful and wise teacher. A teacher that stays with you for life!

Come join us and discover *The Artist Within!*

ABOUT US

We give our students the tools to become confident performing artists through a powerful pedagogy, a beautiful and inspiring studio environment, passionate and highly qualified teaching artists, intentional performance opportunities, and an incredible community of artists.

Many children, youth and adults struggle to believe that they can actually become a performing artist. We have created a powerful pedagogy so you can transform from a novice to a performing artist in just nine months.

Come work with us and awaken....

The Artist Within

OUR MISSION

Through unparalleled arts training, intentional performance opportunities, and collaborative arts experiences, artists of all ages will encounter the transformative power of the arts.

OUR VISION

Donais Studios seeks to transform arts education for youth, adults, and families in our community by empowering a new generation of artists so they can show up in the world with commitment, conviction and connection.

Before a child talks they sing. Before they write they draw. As soon as they stand they dance. Art is fundamental to human expression.

PHYLICIA RASHAD

get to know us

MEET THE TEAM

Andrea Donais
Founder & Artistic Director

Lian Senior
RISE Associate Conductor & Voice Instructor

Asher Farber
Piano Instructor & Collaborative Pianist

Amelia DePiero
Voice Instructor

Keli Jay
Voice & Piano Instructor

David Chown
Guitar & Ukulele Instructor

Lauren Smith
Voice & Piano Instructor

Catherine Farquhar
Artist-in-Residence

Eli Kaczor
RISE Rehearsal Assistant

private lesson disciplines & instructors

OUR OFFERINGS

VOICE

Andrea Donais

Amelia DePiero

Keli Jay

Lauren Smith

PIANO

Andrea Donais

Asher Farber

Keli Jay

Lauren Smith

VOICE/PIANO COMBINATION

Andrea Donais

Keli Jay

Lauren Smith

UKULELE

David Chown

MUSIC THEORY & HISTORY

Asher Farber

Amelia DePiero

GUITAR

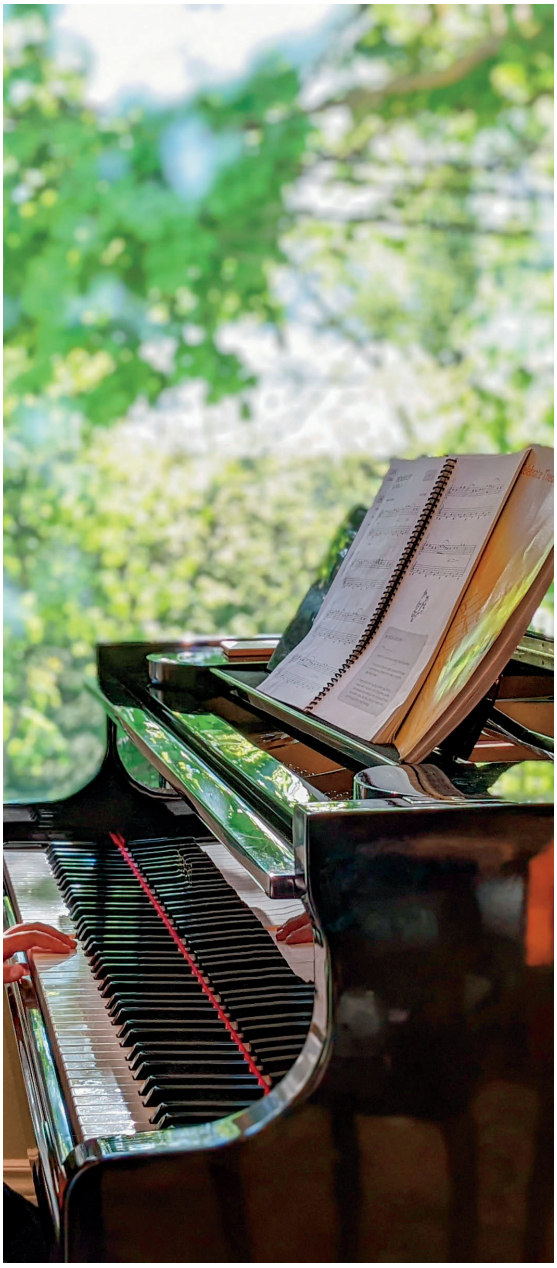
David Chown

There truly is...

The Artist Within

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

Our programs are all-inclusive. Which means, once you are registered for one of our programs all materials and artistic instruction are included. The only additional fees you may incur are: collaborative pianist fees, concert tickets and optional external fees (ie. Royal Conservatory of Music examinations or Festivals).



☑ Weekly Instruction

34 Weekly Private Lessons.

☑ Flex Weeks

3 Flex Weeks for missed or cancelled lessons.

☑ Books & Materials

New this season, all books and materials are inlcuded with your tuition.

☑ Online Resource Library

New this season, an online resource portal with warm-up videos, technique videos, accompaniment tracks, tips & tricks, practice prompts, and more.

☑ Two Formal Performances

December 2022 and June 2023.

☑ Two Informal Performances

Two student-only Coffee House performances and an adult-only Sip & Sing.

☑ One Collaborative Arts Workshop or Masterclass

☑ In-person or Virtual Lesson Format

the details of your

INVESTMENT

01

30-MINUTE LESSON

$1,200

$120 per month
(September 2022 - June 2023)

02

45-MINUTE LESSON

$1,800

$180 per month
(September 2022 - June 2023)

03

60-MINUTE LESSON

$2,400

$240 per month
(September 2022 - June 2023)

04

90-MINUTE LESSON

$3,600

$360 per month
(September 2022 - June 2023)

step-by-step guide of

HOW TO REGISTER

Follow the steps below to register for the Donais Studios 2022/2023 Season

The Artist Within Private Lessons Program

01

SELECT YOUR LESSON DISCIPLINE

We offer private lessons in Voice, Piano, Guitar, Ukulele and Voice/Piano Combination.

02

SELECT YOUR LESSON LENGTH

We offer private lessons in 30, 45, 60 and 90-minute lesson lengths.

03

SELECT YOUR LESSON FORMAT

In-person and virtual lesson options available.

04

SELECT YOUR PREFERRED LESSON DAY & TIME

You will be contacted mid-August to secure your weekly lesson day and time and private instructor.

05

REGISTER ONLINE

Visit www.donaisstudios.ca/registration to register. A $50 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your space for the 2022/2023 season. Your deposit will be deducted from your September payment.

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FAMILY & COLLABORATIVE ARTS PRICING

Family Pricing*

- We love having families participate in studio programs and activities as a family. Register more than one family member (immediate family only - parents & siblings) in a Donais Studios program and receive a 5% discount on the tuition fee for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th program registrant. The discount applies to the tuition fee(s) of equal of lesser value. One 5% discount per registrant. Discounts cannot be combined.

Collaborative Arts Pricing*

- Register in more than one Donais Studios program (The Artist Within, Mini Maestros small group classes and Mini Maestros summer camps) and receive a 5% discount on your tuition fee for your 2nd, 3rd and 4th program registration within the season. The discount applies to the tuition fee(s) of equal or lesser value. One 5% discount per additional program. Discounts cannot be combined.

Payment Options

- You have the option of paying your *Artist Within* tuition fee in full at the beginning of the season or 10 equal monthly installments (September 2022 through June 2023).
- A 2% discount will be applied to all *Artist Within* tuition fees payed in full by September 1, 2022.

*N.B. Family Pricing and Collaborative Arts Pricing do not come into effect until September 2022. Terms and conditions apply. Please contact Donais Studios for full details.

important guidelines for

COMMUNICATIONS

Studio Hours

Donais Studios is open Monday through Thursday 4pm-9pm for private lessons as well as Saturday 9am-12pm and Sunday 12pm-6pm. Friday and Saturday afternoons/evenings are reserved for studio performances, masterclasses and workshops.

Preferred Contact Methods

Email communication is the preferred method of contact and will have the quickest response time. Alternatively, you can leave a voicemail and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Studio Portal

We ask that all studio members keep their personal contact information up-to-date in the studio portal. The Studio Portal is the central hub for your personal private lesson details. You can find your lesson schedule, attendance, lesson notes, emails, account information and more.

EMAILS

admin@donaisstudios.ca

PHONE CALLS

(289)803-4211

ADDRESS

342 Prospect Street
Newmarket, ON
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Communication is important to us and we want to stay connected throughout the week. Lesson notes are sent home weekly via email with home practice suggestions, progress notes and links to the online resource library. Please feel welcome to contact the office or your instructor if you have any questions or concerns.

Brand new this season!

ONLINE RESOURCE LIBRARY

A new resource for all *Artist Within* private lesson students.

01 Warm-up Videos

Practice confidently at home with targeted warm-up videos. New videos will be added to the resource library regularly.

LAUNCHING SEPT 2022

02 Technique Videos

Hone your technical skills at home with confidence with our clear and specific technique videos for voice, piano and guitar. New videos will be added to the resource library regularly.

LAUNCHING SEPT 2022

03 Accompaniment Tracks

Singers, you now have accompaniment tracks at your fingertips to help with at-home practice, online lessons and performances.

LAUNCHING SEPT 2022

04 Practice & Lesson Prompts

Do you ever feel "stuck" with your at-home practice sessions? Receive weekly prompts to get you motivated and inspired to practice!

LAUNCHING SEPT 2022

05 Tips & Tricks

Tips & Tricks for every aspect of your artistic journey. Helping you to develop the confidence and skill to share your artistry with others.

LAUNCHING SEPT 2022

06 Sheet Music Library

A resource for studio licensed sheet music and learning resources. Your place for repertoire inspiration!

LAUNCHING SEPT 2022

2022/2023 Season

The Artist Within CALENDAR

September 10-16	**Private Lessons Program Begins**
October 8-14	**Flex Week #1 (no regularly scheduled lessons)**
Friday, November 4	**Coffee House | 4PM & 6PM | Old Town Hall**
Sunday, December 11	**Winter Concert | 2PM & 4PM | Old Town Hall**
December 24-January 6	**Winter Break (Studio Closed)**
January 7-13	**Private Lessons Program Resumes**
February 18-24	**Flex Week #2 (no regularly scheduled lessons)**
March 11-17	**March Break (Studio Closed)**
March 18-24	**Private Lessons Program Resumes**
Friday, April 21	**Coffee House | 4PM & 6PM | Old Town Hall**
May 20-26	**Flex Week #3 (no regularly scheduled lessons)**
Saturday, June 10	**Spring Concert | 2PM & 4PM | Old Town Hall**
June 10-16	**Final Week of Lessons for the 2022/2023 Season**

A workshop/masterclass is being planned for February 2023. The exact date is TBD.

STUDIO POLICIES

At Donais Studios we are committed to providing a high-quality and enriching arts education environment. Our goal is for each student to be successful and confident in all of their musical and artistic endeavours. The policies outlined below are intended to ensure that every student achieves their goals and receives the highest quality arts education while helping to maintain Donais Studios' mission and vision.

A. Tuition Payment

There are two options for tuition payment. Tuition payment is due either: 1) In full on September 1, 2022 OR 2) In 10 equal monthly instalments on the first of the month, September 1, 2022 through June 1, 2023.

B. Missed Lessons

- We understand that illness and family emergencies happen. Whenever possible, please provide 24 hours notice for missed lessons. If you need to cancel a lesson, please cancel your lesson in the studio portal.
- Regular and active participation in the lesson process is integral to consistent musical and artistic development.
- Refunds will not be granted for missed lessons.
- Private lessons students have the opportunity to make-up 3 missed lessons during our studio flex weeks each season. Flex weeks will be the only time made available for make-up lessons.

C. Lateness

We understand that life is busy and unpredictable at times. We ask that students be present and on time for their scheduled lessons. Instructors will do their best to make-up for lost time due to student lateness, however, please be aware that this is not a given nor always possible.

D. Cancellation

- In the event of a studio closure, email notifications and text messages will be sent to all affected students.
- In the event of inclement weather, private lessons will moved to a virtual format.
- For teacher absence or illness, email notifications and text messages will be sent to all affected students. Lessons cancelled due to teacher absence will be rescheduled at a mutually agreed upon time between student and teacher.

E. Holidays

Please see the Donais Studios online studio portal calendar for scheduled holidays and studio closures. The studio closes for a two week Christmas Break and a one week March Break each season.

STUDIO POLICIES CONT...

F. Dismissal

Students may be dismissed from the *Artist Within* private lesson program for the following reasons:

- Persistent failure to attend lessons.
- Persistent failure to prepare for lessons.
- Failure to pay private lesson tuition fees.
- Inappropriate, uncooperative or abusive behaviour.

Lessons missed or time lost for suspension or dismissal for any of the above reasons will not be refunded or made up.

G. Etiquette

- Please arrive on time for your lesson.
- Please enter quietly upon arrival in consideration of the lesson in progress. No need to knock when you arrive - just come on in!
- Please remember all of your repertoire books, materials and a water bottle for each lesson.
- Home practice is an integral part of the learning process and is an expectation of the private lessons program.
- If a parent needs to speak with the instructor, please do so at the beginning of the lesson or schedule a meeting via email (admin@donaisstudios.ca). In consideration of the next lesson, there will not be time at the end of the lesson for in-depth discussion with the instructor.

H. Release of Liability and Indemnification

In addition to giving full consent for my or my child's participation, I agree to release, save harmless and indemnify Donais Studios and any organization that it owns and their respective employees, volunteers, instructors or agents from and for all losses and/or injuries incurred or suffered from or related to my child's participation in the Artist Within Private Lessons Program on the Donais Studios premises or by taking part in any of its programs or activities at any facility wherein a Donais Studios event or activity is being held.

I. Photo and Video Release

By registering with Donais Studios, you grant Donais Studios permission to take photographs and videos of you or your child's participation in Donais Studios activities. You also grant Donais Studios permission to use, reuse, modify, publish, and republish those photographs/videos in any format or media, including print and online, for promotional or instructional purposes. Donais Studios may use the photographs and videos without compensation to you or your child. You waive any rights to prior inspection and approval of the photographs/videos and their use. Donais Studios will not sell such photographs/videos to anyone. Your child's name will not be posted with his or her photograph without your permission. You waive any claims, demands, and liabilities against Donais Studios for taking and using these photographs/videos. To opt out of Donais Studios' Photo/Video Release Policy, please send an email to admin@donaisstudios.ca.

By registering for the Donais Studios 2022/2023 *Artist Within* private lessons program, you agree to the above policies (pages 14, 15 and 16).

PAYMENTS & WITHDRAWALS

Payment Details

- The Donais Studios *Artist Within* private lessons program is a 34 week program beginning the week of September 10, 2022 through to (and including) the week of June 10, 2023.
- Tuition fees are based on the lesson length and outlined above (page 8).
- All fees are payable to Donais Studios Inc.
- Cash, e-transfer and credit card payments are accepted methods of payment. E-transfer payments should be sent to admin@donaisstudios.ca.
- Credit card payments are subject to a $3.00 convenience fee.
- Late payments will be subject to a late fee.

Payment Options

PAYING IN FULL

Pay the full tuition fee amount by September 1, 2022 and receive a 2% discount on total tuition fees owing.

OR

PAY BY INSTALLMENTS

Pay your tuition fees through 10 equal monthly installments (September 2022-June 2023).

Withdrawals and Refunds

- All requests for withdrawal from the private lessons program must be made in writing to admin@donaisstudios.ca.
- Students are required to give one month notice of their interest to withdraw from the *Artist Within* private lessons program.
- No refunds will be granted for any remaining lessons within the month. Students can decide if they would like to attend the remaining prepaid lessons or not.

hear from our wonderful community

CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

Kailey H.

I have been singing at Donais Studios for a little over a year now. Being involved in their choir, community activities, concerts and experiencing the warmth and reassurance from my fellow performers in our monthly coffee houses has boosted my confidence beyond belief. As someone that struggled with anxiety in social situations, Andrea's encouraging small steps and the amazing support of the Donais community has had a positive affect in my life, especially at school and with friends. Music is a strong passion of mine and the members and staff at Donais Studios share a similar passion that has provided the confidence to share my voice even beyond the studio!

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Cathy C.

Donais Studios offers an excellent music and arts program. Andrea and her team are not only exceptionally talented musicians and artists, they are fantastic teachers. My son looks forward to his piano lessons each week and has thrived and excelled under Andrea's patient instruction and guidance.

We are thrilled with our experience at Donais Studios and would recommend lessons with them to anyone interested in a top-shelf music and arts program.

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Sarah M.

Learning how to sing with effortless freedom has always been a dream of mine and while I can't say it is entirely effortless yet, vocal coaching lessons with Andrea have been a very freeing and fulfilling experience for me. Andrea has a very natural teaching style and I very quickly felt at ease singing (and making a wide variety of odd sounds) with her.

As we have progressed, I have been blown away by Andrea's perceptiveness for laser-targeting areas for improvement, her choral expertise and accurate ear--even on Zoom lessons. I moved overseas a few months ago, and Andrea was willing and flexible to continue lessons virtually, which, from my perspective, provides every bit of the value of an in-person lesson.

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Join us for the Donais Studios 2022/2023 Season!

The Artist Within

Private Lessons Program

is for children, youth and adults of all ages and levels of experience looking to build confidence, skill and a love for music through the transformative power of the performing arts.

Voice | Piano | Guitar | Ukulele

www.donaisstudios.ca/registration

REGISTER TODAY!