

Welcome to



2025/2026 Season



DONAIS & STUDIOS

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WELCOME



Welcome to the Donais Studios 2025/2026 Season!

As the Founder and Artistic Director of Donais Studios and **RISE** Children's Choir, I'm delighted to welcome you to a new season of **The Artist Within Academy™**, our signature private voice lesson program designed to help artists of all ages ignite, discover, and share their unique voice.

As a mom, singer, conductor, and lifelong educator, I believe deeply in the life-changing power of music.

Through private voice lessons with the incredibly gifted Amelia DePiero, our students are nurtured in a supportive, inspiring environment that prioritizes musical excellence, expressive freedom, and personal growth.

What sets our program apart is not just what we teach, but

how we empower each artist to connect more deeply with themselves and the world around them.

Our mission is to build confidence, resilience, and self-expression through the arts—nurturing the Artist Within every student.

This season, we're proud to continue our cherished traditions, including our Winter and Spring Concerts, two cozy and creative Coffee Houses, and the return of two beloved events:

"Sip & Sing" Nights for adult students—a relaxed and fun-filled evening where music meets an encouraging and supportive community.

"Broadway Café Karaoke" Nights for teens—high-energy, laughter-filled evenings where every performer gets their moment to shine.

We're also excited to introduce something new: **Masterclass-style workshops**

with me (Andrea!), created to provide even deeper support and artistic growth through collaborative, inspiring sessions with our community of singers.

Whether you're here to refine your technique, build confidence, or reconnect with your creative spark, this season is designed to support and celebrate your journey.

We'll laugh, learn, stretch, and grow together—and most importantly, we'll keep showing up with conviction, commitment, and connection.

We can't wait to begin this next chapter with you. Welcome to Donais Studios. Welcome to your happy place. :)


Keep singing,
Andrea Donais


A handwritten signature of Andrea Donais in black ink.

Artistic Director
The Artist Within Academy
*Commitment, Conviction
& Connection*

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introduction to **DONAIS STUDIOS**



At Donais Studios, we are dedicated to providing exceptional music education experiences for youth and families of all ages and skill levels in our community.

For the 2025/2026 Season we are delighted to offer two core programs:

RISE

RISE Children's Choir

A choral music experience for singers
in grades JK–12.



The Artist Within Academy™

Private voice lessons for
individuals of all ages and skill levels.

Our programs are designed to help you discover, ignite, and share The Artist Within.

At Donais Studios, 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 a vibrant community of artists.

introduction to **THE ARTIST WITHIN ACADEMY**



The Artist Within Academy is more than a voice lessons program—it's a creative home for singers to grow, express, and thrive.

Rooted in excellence and guided by heart, our academy offers personalized, one-on-one instruction in a supportive, encouraging environment where every singer is seen, heard, and celebrated.

Here, we believe that learning to sing is about more than just technique—it's about unlocking the voice within. We nurture each artist's unique sound while helping them build confidence, deepen their musicianship, and discover the joy of authentic self-expression. Through inspiring lessons, performance opportunities, and a vibrant community, our students are empowered to show up with conviction, commitment, and connection—both on stage and in life.

introduction to **OUR MISSION**

At Donais Studios our mission is to inspire a new generation of artists through the transformative power of the performing arts.



OUR VISION



At Donais Studios, we envision a world where every artist discovers the courage to express their voice with confidence and authenticity. Through exceptional vocal training and the vibrant community of Donais Studios, we aim to cultivate artistry, ignite passion, and shape the next generation of empowered, expressive, and compassionate performers.

get to know us

MEET THE ARTISTIC TEAM



Andrea Donais

Artistic Director & Founder,
RISE Children's Choir & The
Artist Within Academy



Lian Senior

RISE Associate Conductor
& Vocal Coach



Asher Farber

RISE Collaborative
Pianist



Amelia DePiero

The Artist Within Academy
Voice Instructor & RISE
Vocal Coach



Janice Chong

Studio Coordinator



Eli Kaczor

RISE Rehearsal Assistant

OUR PROGRAM

At the heart of **The Artist Within Academy** is our vibrant **Private Voice Lessons Program**—a nurturing, empowering space where singers of all ages and experience levels can explore, grow, and shine.

Voice lessons are offered through **weekly one-on-one sessions**, providing personalized instruction tailored to each singer's unique voice, goals, and musical interests. The 2025/2026 season runs for **34 weeks**, from September through June, offering consistency, structure, and time to develop strong vocal foundations.

Amelia DePiero, our lead voice instructor, brings a wealth of experience and a passion for teaching that inspires confidence, curiosity, and joy in every lesson.

In addition, **Andrea Donais** and **Lian Senior** offer vocal coaching throughout the season in the form of **masterclasses** and **workshop experiences**, giving students additional opportunities to refine their skills, connect with others, and deepen their artistry.

Our program is further enhanced by **Asher Farber**, our collaborative pianist in residence, who provides accompaniment for student concerts and events—helping our singers experience the thrill and support of live performance.

Students in our voice program will:

- Develop **foundational musicianship** skills, including music reading and ear training.
- Explore age-appropriate vocal technique and healthy singing habits.
- Gain performance experience through concerts, coffee houses, masterclasses and special events.
- Have the option to pursue **music theory** as a complement to their vocal study.
- Set personal goals and take ownership of their growth as artists.

We work closely with each student to create a lesson experience that supports their individuality—whether they're preparing for auditions or exams, singing for joy, or simply discovering the power of their own voice. Creativity is celebrated. Confidence is built. And musical excellence is always at the core of what we do.

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

Your tuition for the 2025/2026 season of **The Artist Within Academy** includes a rich, well-rounded experience designed to nurture musical growth, confidence, and creativity:

Weekly Instruction

34 private voice lessons, one-on-one with our exceptional instructor, tailored to each student's goals and progress.

Flex Weeks

4 built-in flex weeks to accommodate up to 3 missed or cancelled lessons, ensuring flexibility within your learning journey.

Artist Within Hub Access

Unlimited access to our exclusive online resource library, filled with warm-up and technique videos, practice tracks, tips & tricks, guided prompts, and more—available anytime to support your practice at home.

Artist Within Planner

Our custom-designed practice and planning tool to help students set goals, track progress, and stay organized and inspired throughout the season.

Two Formal Performances

Celebrate your hard work and growth on stage with these professionally organized concerts. Family and friends are welcome.

Believe – December 13, 2025

Inspire – June 13, 2026



Two Coffee House Performances

A relaxed and creative performance setting where students can share their music in a cozy, supportive environment. These events are for students only. Friday, November 14, 2025 and Friday, May 1, 2026.

In-Person or Virtual Lesson Format

Choose the learning format that works best for your schedule and comfort—either in-person at our studio or virtual from the convenience of home.

Please note: Additional fees may include collaborative pianist fees, concert tickets, and optional external fees such as Royal Conservatory of Music examination fees or music festival entry fees.

Introducing the 2025/2026

CONCERT SERIES



Believe

Saturday, December 13, 2025

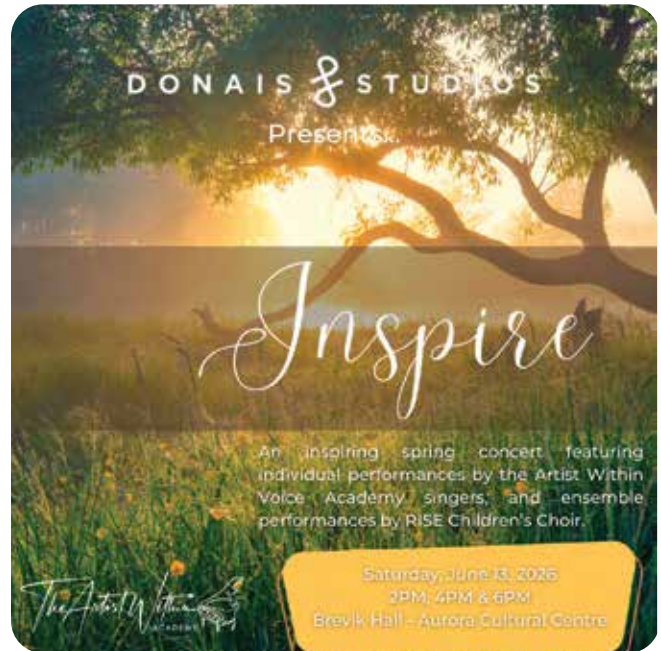
2PM, 4PM & 6PM

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Newmarket

Step into the magic of the season at Believe—a heartwarming holiday concert featuring the inspiring voices of **The Artist Within Voice Academy** and special ensemble performances by **RISE Children's Choir**.

This joyful celebration of music and community will showcase solo performances by our talented voice students, each bringing their unique artistry and holiday spirit to the stage. Let the sounds of the season fill your heart with hope, wonder, and the power of believing.

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of song, storytelling, and the spirit of the holidays!



Inspire

Saturday, June 13, 2026

2PM, 4PM & 6PM

Brevik Hall, Auroral Cultural Centre

Celebrate the season of growth and creativity at Inspire—a vibrant spring concert showcasing the incredible talent of **The Artist Within Voice Academy** and the joyful voices of **RISE Children's Choir**.

Featuring moving solo performances and dynamic ensemble pieces, this concert is a testament to the power of dedication, artistry, and self-expression. Come experience the culmination of a year of musical growth as our singers take the stage to share their voices, their stories, and their hearts.

An uplifting and inspiring afternoon awaits—join us as we celebrate the artist within!



CALENDAR 2025/2026

September 6–12, 2025 • Lessons Begin

October 11–17, 2025 • Flex Week #1 (no regularly scheduled lessons)

Friday, November 14, 2025 • Coffee House 4PM & 6PM

Saturday, December 13, 2025 • Winter Concert “Believe” 2PM, 4PM & 6PM

December 20, 2025–January 2, 2026 • Winter Break (Studio Closed)

January 3–9, 2026 • Lessons Resume

February 14–20, 2026 • Flex Week #2 (no regularly scheduled lessons)

March 14–20, 2026 • March Break (Studio Closed)

March 21–27, 2026 • Lessons Resume

April 4–10, 2026 • Flex Week #3 (no regularly scheduled lessons)

Friday, May 1, 2026 • Coffee House 4 & 6PM

May 16–22, 2026 • Flex Week #4 (no regularly scheduled lessons)

Saturday, June 13, 2026 • Spring Concert “Inspire” 2PM, 4PM & 6PM

June 13–19, 2026 • Final Week of lessons for the 25/26 Season



A LOOK BEHIND THE MUSIC

"Andrea and her team at Donais Studios are simply outstanding!"

Our daughter has flourished under the artistic leadership at Donais Studios. We have watched, with immense satisfaction, as she has developed into a beautiful young musician.

Andrea has created such a nurturing environment that our daughter looks forward to her weekly lessons and loves her practice time as a result. She now takes great pride in the quality of her musical performances.

When you love what you are doing, investing time becomes a joy!"

-Teena, Donais Studios & RISE Parent



The Artist Within Method

Listen: Listen to different recordings and absorb the overall feel of the piece.

Rhythm: Understand the beat, timing, and flow of the song.

Pitch: Hone in on the melody, intervals, and pitches.

Vowels: Pay attention to vowel shapes and resonance to enhance clarity, vocal consistency, and projection.

Expression: Study the score for dynamics, tempo, and the story you're telling through the music.

Sing: Finally, bring it all together and sing with confidence and passion!



for our artists

THE ARTIST WITHIN HUB

Valuable At-Home Artistic Practice Resources for Our Singers

At The Artist Within Hub, we're committed to helping you create an artistic practice that's enjoyable, meaningful, and fosters independent growth, discipline, and lifelong learning. Our carefully crafted resources are designed to inspire confidence, ignite creativity, and support your journey as a musician and artist.

Here's what awaits you in the The Artist Within Hub:

Warm-Up Videos

Start every practice session strong with targeted warm-up videos designed to help you prepare your voice and body for success. These quick and effective exercises will build your confidence and set the tone for productive at-home practice.

Technique Videos

Take your vocal and musicianship skills to the next level with our clear, step-by-step technique videos. Learn how to improve your ear training, sight-singing, and vocal precision—all from the comfort of your own home.

Practice & Rehearsal Prompts

Find motivation and inspiration each week with prompts designed to deepen your artistry. Explore storytelling, reflect on the meaning behind your music, and connect emotionally with the songs you're singing.

Tips & Tricks

Unlock insider strategies to help you shine! From performance tips to practice hacks, these resources are designed to build your confidence, refine your skills, and support your growth as a vocalist and artist.

Learning Resources

Dive into our extensive library of learning tools to expand your musical knowledge and creativity. Whether you're looking for inspiration, guidance, or technical support, this is your go-to hub for continued artistic development.

for our artists

THE ARTIST WITHIN PLANNER

Created exclusively for artists by Andrea, this transformative planner is your ultimate guide to meaningful, consistent artistic practice.

With daily prompts, tasks, and inspiration, the Artist Within Planner encourages you to:

- Plan your practice: Set intentional goals for each day.
- Stay inspired: Find fresh motivation and challenges to explore and grow.
- Achieve real results: Build confidence, self-trust, and artistic momentum.
- This planner isn't just about music—it's a tool for personal transformation, helping you develop discipline, creativity, and self-expression that will serve you both on and off the stage.

Your Success Starts Here

The Artist Within Hub and Planner are designed to empower you with the tools you need to thrive. This season, you'll build skills, embrace your artistry, and grow as a musician in ways you never thought possible. Let's ignite the artist within!



the details of your INVESTMENT



30-Minute Lesson

\$1,445.00
\$144.50 per month
(September 2025—June 2026)

45-Minute Lesson

\$2,168.00
\$216.80 per month
(September 2025—June 2026)

60-Minute Lesson

\$2,890.00
\$289 per month
(September 2025—June 2026)

Family Discount

We love seeing families make music together! Register more than one immediate family member in our voice lessons program and receive a 5% tuition discount for the second registrant. The discount applies to the tuition fee of **equal or lesser value**.

One 5% discount may be applied per **additional registrant**.

Available for **immediate family members** only.

Let us know at the time of registration if you're enrolling multiple family members so we can apply your discount.

PAYMENT & WITHDRAWALS

Program Duration

The Donais Studios Artist Within Academy voice lessons program is a **10-month program**, running from the week of **September 6, 2025**, through to (and including) the week of **June 13, 2026**.

Tuition & Payment Details

Tuition fees are based on your chosen lesson length and are outlined on **page 14** of this Welcome Package.

All payments are payable to **Donais Studios Inc.**

We accept the following methods of payment:

- **Cash**
- **E-transfer** (send to: admin@donaisstudios.ca)
- **Credit Card** (subject to a \$3.00 convenience fee)

Late payments are subject to a late fee.

Payment Options

Pay in Full

Submit your full tuition payment by **September 1, 2025**, and receive a **2% discount** on your total tuition fees.

Monthly Installments

Choose to pay your tuition in **10 equal monthly installments**, due from **September 2025** through **June 2026**.

Withdrawals & Refunds

If you need to withdraw from The Artist Within Academy voice lessons program:

- All withdrawal requests must be submitted in **writing** to admin@donaisstudios.ca.
- We require **one month's written notice** prior to withdrawal.
- No refunds will be provided for any remaining lessons within the notice month. Students may choose whether or not to attend their remaining prepaid lessons.

your step-by-step guide

HOW TO REGISTER

Whether you're new to the studio or returning for another season, we're so glad you're here! Follow these easy steps to join The Artist Within Academy for the 2025/2026 season:



1. New to Donais Studios?

Book Your Free Introductory Lesson

Start your journey with a complimentary one-on-one session. This is a great opportunity to meet your instructor, learn about our program, and see if it's the right fit for you.

Visit donaisstudios.ca/introductory-lesson/

Already part of our community?
Skip to Step 2!



2. Read Through The Artist Within Academy Welcome Package

Get to know what makes our program special, from our philosophy to what's included in your tuition. It's all in the Welcome Package!



3. Review Our Studio Policies

No one likes unexpected surprises!

Familiarize yourself with our studio guidelines, including flex weeks, cancellation policies, and concert participation details.

We want to ensure that you are set up for the absolute BEST learning experience.



4. Register Online

Visit www.donaistudios.ca/registration/ and complete your registration:

- Choose your lesson length (30, 45, or 60 minutes)
- Select your preferred format (in-person or online)
- Choose your preferred day and time.

We'll follow up to confirm your weekly lesson time and get you all set for the season!



STUDIO POLICIES

At Donais Studios and RISE Children's Choir, our priority is to create an extraordinary arts education experience that nurtures creativity, growth, and self-expression. We are committed to helping each student build confidence and achieve personal success through high-quality musical and artistic instruction.

To uphold our mission and ensure a smooth, professional, and enriching experience for all, we have established the following studio policies:

A. Tuition Payment

You may choose one of two tuition payment options:

Pay in Full: Due by September 1, 2025.

Monthly Installments: 10 equal monthly payments, due on the 1st of each month from September 1, 2025, through June 1, 2026.

B. Missed Lessons

We understand that illness and family emergencies may arise.

Please provide at least 24 hours' notice if you must cancel a lesson by emailing admin@donaisstudios.ca.

Regular participation is essential for musical growth.

No refunds will be issued for missed lessons.

Students may make-up up to 3 missed lessons per season during designated studio flex weeks, provided prior notice is given.

Flex weeks are the only opportunity for makeup lessons.

C. Lateness

Timeliness is appreciated.

Please arrive on time for your scheduled lesson. Instructors will do their best to accommodate lost time due to lateness, but this is not guaranteed.

D. Cancellations

In case of a studio closure, you will be notified by email and/or text.

In the event of inclement weather, lessons will move to a virtual format.

If a teacher is absent due to illness or emergency, you will be notified. Lessons may be rescheduled during a flex week or taught by a substitute teacher.

E. Holidays

Please refer to the Studio Calendar (available through the online portal) for holiday and closure dates.

The studio will close for:

Two-week Winter Break
One-week March Break



F. Dismissal Policy

We reserve the right to dismiss a student from the program for the following reasons:

- Repeated absences
- Consistent lack of preparation
- Non-payment of tuition
- Inappropriate, disrespectful, or uncooperative behaviour.

No refunds or makeup lessons will be offered for missed time due to suspension or dismissal.

G. Studio Etiquette

Please arrive on time and enter quietly to respect lessons already in progress. No need to knock—just come in!

Bring all required music books, materials, and a water bottle to each lesson.

Consistent home practice is an expectation and vital for progress.

If you need to speak with your instructor, please do so at the beginning of the lesson, or email admin@donaisstudios.ca to book a time. Please note: there is not time available at the end of the lesson for extended discussions.

H. Release of Liability & Indemnification

By registering for the program, you agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless Donais Studios Inc., its instructors, staff, and partner organizations from any and all claims arising from participation in our programs, including those held off-site (e.g., Aurora Cultural Centre, Newmarket Old Town Hall, New Hope Methodist Church, and St. Paul's Anglican Church).

I. Photo & Video Release

By registering, you grant Donais Studios permission to photograph or video you or your child during lessons and events for promotional or instructional use across print and digital platforms. No compensation will be provided.

Your child's name will never be published without prior consent.

To opt out, please email admin@donaisstudios.ca.

By registering for the 2025/2026 Artist Within Academy voice lessons program, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to the above studio policies and accept the terms of registration.

important guidelines for **COMMUNICATION**

Studio Hours: Our administrative office is open from 10 AM to 1 PM, Monday through Thursday. RISE rehearsals take place on Monday evenings at New Hope Methodist Church. The studio is open for private lessons from 3:30 PM to 9 PM, Monday through Thursday, and from 10 AM to 6 PM on Sundays. Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings are reserved for studio performances, retreats, and workshops.

Preferred Contact Methods: The best way to reach us is via email, which guarantees the quickest response time. Alternatively, you may leave a voicemail, and we will return your call promptly. If you need to notify us of an absence from rehearsal, please email admin@donaisstudios.ca.

Donais Studios Portal

We kindly request that all studio members keep their personal contact information updated in the Studio Portal. The portal serves as your central hub for:

- Rehearsal schedules
- Attendance tracking
- Rehearsal notes
- Email communication
- Account information

Staying connected is a priority for us! Each week, you'll receive a Weekly Snapshot Email that will give you a snapshot of the week ahead at Donais Studios. Don't miss this important communication each week.

Feel free to contact the office or your instructor with any questions or concerns.

Contact Information



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THE IMPACT OF THE ARTS

in your words

I'm so glad we found Donais Studios — my daughter has been enjoying it so much, and it's been wonderful to see her grow in both skill and passion. Thank you again for everything you do. We deeply appreciate the role you've played in helping her flourish.

~Puja, Donais Studios & RISE Parent



If there were an option for 10+ stars out of 5, they'd have it. They make learning FUN, so you don't even realize you're learning -- but you are, and in very talented and capable hands. Thank you to everyone at Donais. We love being part of the extended family.

~Matt
Donais Studios Student
& RISE Parent

My 11 year old daughter started here in fall of 2023. She takes vocal lessons with Amelia, and absolutely adores her. She loves attending lessons each week, and looks forward to the performances. Donais is more than just lessons, it's a community for these kids. So positive and supportive.

~Jessica
Donais Studios Parent



WHAT'S NEXT?

Step into the Donais Studios
2025/2026 Season and
let your artistic journey begin!

The Artist Within Academy™ welcomes singers of all experience levels who are ready to explore, grow, and express themselves through the art of singing.

Our private voice lessons program is designed to nurture confidence, ignite creativity, and develop each student's unique voice through personalized mentorship and professional instruction.

Discover your voice. Ignite your artistry.

Share the Artist Within.

Register Today

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