

Dawn Ellis

Musician, Speaker, Educator, Performer



About Dawn Ellis

MA, BEd, BMus, AMus, ARCT

Dawn Ellis is an experienced arts educator and community musician with a passion for developing creative programming through partnerships.

Dawn's music journey began in orchestral performance where she performed with Royal Conservatory Orchestra and transitioned to music education after discovering a passion for the classroom.

Dawn has over 15 years educating youth from grades JK-12 including several intergenerational and community arts programs aimed at building community through music.

Dawn is a sought-after leader who recently brought the music care approach to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

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Dawn's Most Requested Topics

- **Music and Emotional Care** – How do musical practices enhance emotional care? Learn through real-life stories, music care strategies and reflective insights.
- **The Sounds of Belonging** – How can music deepen connection in care settings? Learn through inclusive music-making and real-life experiences.
- **Music Care for the Classroom** – Why is music so powerful for learning and student wellness? Learn how music enhances brain development and supports mental health.
- **Embedding Music in Caring Communities** – How can music become a more primary approach operationally? Learn about Room 217's integrated model of music care and the results in certified care organizations.
- **Music for Wellness** – How does music support wellbeing at any age? Learn a reflective 4-step process for music wellness.



Dawn has an incredible ability to bring music into the heart of every learning environment.



Dawn transforms classrooms into community care spaces.

Speaking Highlights: World Music Therapy Congress, Ontario Music Educators Association, BC Palliative Care, Intl Music & Medicine, BC Hospice & Palliative Care, Ontario Long Term Care, Sistema New Brunswick, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Concerts in Care, Canadian Therapeutic Recreation Association, Wilfrid Laurier University, Alzheimer Society Peel, Various community events