



## **BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - December 2015**

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our December 2015 Newsletter. The BCCMA Directors take this opportunity to wish all our members Season's Greetings, happiness and much success in 2016!

As usual, we'd like to extend big 'thank you' to all our sponsors, supporters, friends, members and fans.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Merry Christmas to All!

It has been an amazing year! Our BC Country Music artists have shone in their performances and this Christmas season, many of these artists are keeping the Country Christmas Spirit alive and well through their music!

For me and my family, Christmas is always a wonderful time of year as we look forward to the holidays, shopping, family times, all of that great baking and of course Christmas morning. We also take time to celebrate together the true meaning of Christmas.

This is also a season to remember those who are less fortunate, who maybe do not have a family to share this wonderful time of year with. The food and gift hampers, community dinners and gift boxes we send overseas greatly touch the lives of those who receive them and completely bless all who have given them. Take some time to make someone else's holiday season a little brighter.

Have a very Merry Christmas and an incredibly Joyful New Year!

Brian Thate  
President, BCCMA

## NEWS / EVENTS

### [DON ADAMS CELEBRATION OF LIFE](#)

Don's Celebration of Life Service will be held this **Sunday, December 6, 2015** – starting at 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hard Rock Casino, Vancouver Theatre, 2080 United Blvd, Coquitlam, B.C.

There will be an after party as Don had requested starting at 7 pm at Asylum Lounge at the Hard Rock Casino featuring the March Hare Band.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Renal Program at the BC Children's Hospital Foundation that has been set up in Don's memory at [www.bcchf.ca/donadams](http://www.bcchf.ca/donadams)

### [CCMA DISCOVERY PROGRAM](#)

The CCMA Discovery Program will be heading into its fourth year – and you could be a part of it. This national initiative, developed to support Canadian country music artists endeavoring to reach their full potential in the music industry, provides unparalleled educational, mentorship, networking and exposure opportunities unlike any other program offered in our genre.

Submissions will open Monday, January 4, 2016, and will require interested participants to send a high resolution headshot, two MP3 song files, and a 50-word bio. Start prepping your materials now!

For more information on the CCMA Discovery Program  
[www.ccma.org/discovery\\_program.html](http://www.ccma.org/discovery_program.html)

## ARTIST NEWS

### [RON IRVING/ TIMEWALKERS](#)

**Ron Irving's** band, THE TIMEWALKERS, Fri, December 10th 7pm & 9:30 shows at **Blue Frog Recording & Performance Studio SOLD OUT!**

The TIMEWALKERS add a 3rd show on Thurs, Dec 10!!  
Tickets at: <http://www.bluefrogstudios.ca>

## LISA NICOLE

The end of 2015 has been very promising for Lisa's career. Further to winning 1st place in the Artist Development Project she is taking advantage of her opportunities. After an exciting showcase at **Gabby's Country Cabaret**, Lisa has been in Nashville writing, and playing shows since November.

Only one day after her return to Canada, you can catch Lisa December 11th at the **OK Corral in Kelowna**. She is excited to be supporting the **Country Christmas Countdown** to raise food and funds for the Kelowna Food Bank. You can purchase tickets (\$20) at the OK Corral or by calling (778) 581-8080.

In other news from winning the ADP, Lisa Nicole is excited to announce she will be working with **Tom and Carly McKillip** on her next EP.

Follow Lisa Nicole's journey on YouTube! She has started posting a weekly VLOG on her career. Her first two VLOGS are here:

BCCMA'S - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jat1fX9wUM8>

Nashville Throwback - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHg5P405v8o>

Follow Lisa on Instagram/Twitter/Snapchat @lisanicolemusic

Like and follow her Fanpage at [www.facebook.com/lisanicolemusic](http://www.facebook.com/lisanicolemusic)

Check out this VLOG she put together from the award weekend!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jat1fX9wUM8>

## BEN KLICK

2015 has been an incredible year for Ben and the band. Playing over 20+ shows, recording a sophomore EP titled "**Today**", and releasing a debut single to Country radio, Ben is gearing up for the final month of 2015 by opening for BC's very own, **Karen Lee Batten**, on **December 4th at the OK Corral in Kelowna**. Throughout the month, Ben is setting up writing sessions as well as practicing new material with the band to play out live in the winter months! With a newly modelled website, **Ben Klick** will be releasing a new single and touring in 2016.

I want to give a huge thank you to the BCCMA's, the CCMA's, Global Country, **Clay and RyLee of 7-17 Music**, Country radio, and all my friends and family for believing in me, my music, and being so supportive! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the BCCMA Family!

Follow Ben by checking out his website and social media at the following links:

[www.bencklick.com](http://www.bencklick.com)  
[www.facebook.com/bencklicksmusic](https://www.facebook.com/bencklicksmusic)  
[www.twitter.com/ben\\_klick](https://www.twitter.com/ben_klick)  
[www.instagram.com/ben\\_klick](https://www.instagram.com/ben_klick)

## SKY WATT

**Sky Wyatt** and **Karen Lee Batten** have teamed up on a cute and fun Christmas duet called "**Mistletoe**". Produced by **John Ellis** and featuring BCCMA legend **Tom McKillip** on saxophone, this motown infused country song takes the holiday tradition of hanging mistletoe to a whole new level when two people just can't wait to kiss for the first time. "**Mistletoe**" hits radio, iTunes and youtube on December 1st.

## THE HEELS

The Heels News! We have an all NEW website! <http://theheelsmusic.com>  
The Heels made Top 20 in the Breakthrough Country Music Project along with many other BCCMA Artists. Stay tuned and see if they make it to the Top 10!  
The prizes are life-changing, and this Project is the best opportunity thus far for these Ladies!

<http://www.btcountryproject.com/>  
THE HEELS @theheelsmusic  
[info@theheelsmusic.com](mailto:info@theheelsmusic.com)

## DANIELLE MARIE

Danielle Marie is heading to Edmonton to play at the beautiful **Starlite Room** December 5<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance. If you have friends or family in the area, be sure to tell them about it!

TICKETS <http://www.starliteroom.ca/event/957575-danielle-marie-guests-melody-edmonton>

**Danielle** also released her first Christmas single to Country Radio '**Santa Baby**' Don't forget to add it to your collection too!!

Now available on iTunes along with a special gift when you purchase the single, so be sure to listen past Santa Baby! **MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!XO**

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/album/santa-baby-single/id1057418797>

PS. I will be in Nashville for the month of January, so if you are in that neck of the woods give me a shout!

[www.daniellemariemusic.com](http://www.daniellemariemusic.com)

## BEAMER WIGLEY

Thirteen year old country music artist **Beamer Wigley** from Penticton B.C., has received an endorsement from California based **Ernie Ball Music Man**. He is the youngest artist in North America to receive this endorsement and only one of two musicians worldwide at his age! He is also the youngest artist signed to **Invictus Entertainment** as well as **Big Star Recordings**. Beamer has been playing guitar since he was 5 years old and performing live since the age of 7. With this endorsement, he was given a very special price on a new **JP BFR6 Ball Family Reserve Guitar**, valued at over \$4,000.00 U.S. <http://www.music-man.com/>

## CYNTHIA LEIGH ANN

**Cynthia Leigh-Ann** will release a second Album in January along with her new singles. Once the album is released she will be working on her upcoming tour

**“Long Time Coming.”** Watch for all of her events.

Cynthia is also finishing up her Music Degree at the University of Calgary. She will be continuing her Engineering program and will be adding the job of a producer as well

## PETER JAMES BAND

Things just keep getting busier. Watch for us ...

December 6 - **The Roxy** for the Break Through Country Project.

December 18 - **The Well Public House** at Chances in Maple Ridge.

December 19 - **The Dewdney Pub** in Dewdney.

New Years Ever- **Finnegan’s Pub** in Abbotsford

**My Mess Your Mess** has been sent to radio with a new lyric video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqHn8wRAgDg>

## JOEY CLARKSON

Joey has spent the last two months touring Europe - playing festivals, radio stations, theatres, pubs and anywhere with a willing audience! At the end of October, she had the fortune of being able to hand deliver medical supplies gathered by the **Bridport Unitarian Chapel** to the refugee camp in Calais, France, where she was then invited to play for its refugees and volunteers. Moved by the experience, she has created a **gofundme** campaign to raise money

for the purchase of musical instruments and supplies that she will be delivering to the camp in January before she heads back to Canada.

For more information on the project, and how you can get involved please visit: [www.gofundme.com/MedicineAndMusic](http://www.gofundme.com/MedicineAndMusic)

### European Tour Dates

December 4 - **Heidenau, Germany** - Costa's  
December 7 - **Manchester, U.K.** - Apothica  
December 8 - **Manchester, U.K.** - Thirsty Scholar  
December 9 - **Manchester, U.K.** - Tiger Lounge  
December 10 - **Glasgow, U.K.** - MacSorley's  
December 11 - **Hamburg, Germany** - Private Function  
December 12 - **Edinburgh, U.K.** - Wee Red Bar  
December 15 - **Leicester, U.K.** - The Pug and Greyhound  
December 16 - **Leamington Spa, U.K.** - The Fat Pug  
December 17 - **Leamington Spa, U.K.** - The Royal Pug  
December 20 - **Bridport, U.K.** - Unitarian Chapel in the Garden

### ROBYN & RYLEIGH

**Robyn and Ryleigh** got a jump start kicking off the holidays this year- first with a performance at the **City of Surrey's Tree Lighting Festival**, then with shows in Summerland at **Summerland Secondary School** and later at the town centre '**Light Up**' celebration (with fellow BCCMA'ers **Chris Buck Band**). The girls will be featured performers on **Timmy's Christmas Telethon**, December 6th on the Rogers network.

The new Robyn and Ryleigh single "**By Heart**" is being warmly received at radio. View the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9ZiqKVyOkM>

### DAVID BORYS

BCCMA songwriter **David Borys** will again be hosting **In the Round at the Railway Club** on December 4th from 7-9pm. An acoustic, intimate and interactive show done in the famous Nashville In the Round style. Three artists on stage at the same time, sharing the stories behind some of their favourite original songs. The BCCMA's own **Ajaye Jardine** is one of the three artists performing at this last In the Round of 2015. The Railway Club is located at 579 Dunsmuir St. in Vancouver.

## [BETH MARIE ANDERSON](#)

Happy Holiday Greetings!! Beth has released her Holiday Single, an upbeat modern spin on the classic song '**The First Noel**', to North American Radio.

Beth's single '**The First Noel**' is available for Pre-Order through iTunes and will be released on Nov.26th to start off your Holiday Season right! Pre- Order Link: <https://itunes.apple.com/.../the-first-noel-sing.../id1056383559> Help Beth get into the 'New & Noteworthy' Section of iTunes by pre-ordering your copy today!

Beth is excited to be touring Vancouver Island for all of December! Heading to Seniors Facilities across the Island, Private House Concerts, and Public Concerts, Beth's 16 Date tour won't disappoint! This Christmas Tour is all about creating the warmth, joy, and love the season has to offer while stringing together Christmas Classics, Original Songs and the stories behind them. Accompanied by **Darcy Philips**, Jann Arden's Piano Player, this intimate tour will be the perfect way to start off your Holiday Season.

Public Tour Dates:

December.4th - **Qualicum Beach**, Echo Players Village Theatre, 7:00pm  
December.5th - **Victoria**, Wood Hall at the Conservatory of Music, 7:30pm  
December.11th - **Ladysmith**, The Music Hall Food CO, 8:00pm  
December.12th - **Nanaimo**, The Harbor City Theatre, 7:00pm  
December.18th - **Comox Valley**, The Little Red Church, 7:30pm  
December.19th - **Port Alberni**, Char's Landing, 8:00pm  
December.20th - **Duncan**, The Duncan Showroom, 7:00pm

For All Ticket Locations, Event information and any other questions, please visit [www.facebook.com/bethmariefans/events](http://www.facebook.com/bethmariefans/events)

[www.bethmarieanderson.com](http://www.bethmarieanderson.com)

## [KENNY HESS - TWO GREAT EVENTS](#)

Kenny Hess' **Christmas at the Clarke**

15th Annual Christmas at The Clarke with **Kenny Hess** and Friends **December 17th**, 7pm In support of the **Mission Christmas Bureau** and the **Fraser Valley Women's Resource Centre**

Featuring **Kenny Hess**, **1066**, **Horizon**, and more!

Great Christmas entertainment for the whole family In support of the Christmas Bureau and the shelter programs operated by the **Women's Resource Society of**

**the Fraser Valley.** Doors open at 6pm-Show starts at 7pm  
Tickets Adults \$18 Seniors and Students \$15,12 and under \$10

Kenny Hess' **A Country Christmas**

**December 19th 2015** – Show starts at 3pm  
Camp Bridal RV Park  
53870 Bridal Falls Rd.  
(just east of the Bridal Falls Water Park)

- Limited Seating!
- Free Admission!!
- Reservations Required!!!

Phone 604-745-2267 to reserve your seat  
Coffee Tea and Snacks will be provided

### [TWIN KENNEDY](#)

**TWIN KENNEDY's** official music video for "**Feels Like Freedom**" premiered on Exclaim! last week. Check out the video, directed by Victoria, BC videographer, **Dave Wallace** and filmed on beautiful Vancouver island: [https://youtu.be/c\\_3iQKE0tqg](https://youtu.be/c_3iQKE0tqg)

TWIN KENNEDY will be performing Christmas shows in BC this December. Visit [www.twinkennedy.com](http://www.twinkennedy.com) for full tour schedule.

December 5 - **Chilliwack, BC** - Rotary Christmas Parade  
December 18 - **Victoria, BC** - Upstairs Lounge, Oak Bay Rec Centre

### [BLAKE HAVARD](#)

#### **"Come Back Home for Christmas' VIDEO**

Please have a look at my video for 'Come Back Home For Christmas.  
<https://soundcloud.com/blakehavard/come-back-home-for-christmas-1>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmIJvIv9BQA>

Download proceeds will go to the Vancouver Food Bank.  
I know first hand what a great job this organization does for the community.  
You can donate to a Food Bank in YOUR town in BC here:  
<http://www.foodbanksbc.com/get-involved/donate/>

**Shows coming up:**



**Wed. Dec. 2 Fundraiser** The Bipolar Initiative **Fundraiser**

Back Stage Lounge doors 7:30 \$20

<http://www.bipolarinitiative.com/>

**Thurs. Dec. 3 Solo Acoustic Upper Deck** Kitchen and Tap house.

1239 Davie St. 9-12

**Sat. Dec. 19 Charqui Gril** 1955 Cornwall Ave 9pm

Wishing you all the best this Holiday Season and every other season!

Thanks for your continued support.

<http://www.reverbnation.com/blakehavard>

[DAN SWINIMER](#)

Manicdown Productions is having it's very first Artist Showcase on Dec. 4, 2015 at Venue Nightclub and we want this night to be a celebration of all the amazing artists in BC. We are so lucky to have a ton of great talent here in BC and we want all that attend this show to hear as much of that talent as possible. To this end, all music played between sets will be local artists. We will have a BCCMA Booth set up where fans can learn more about the artists and music they are hearing. We'd also encourage artists to bring samples or promo pictures to sign and give away or CD's to sell.

If you would like your music to be showcased please contact Dan Swinimer at

[www.facebook.com/dan.swinimer?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/dan.swinimer?fref=ts)

**SUBMISSIONS to the BCCMA NEWSLETTER**

The BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER will be published and circulated at the beginning of every month. We're shooting for the 1st.

BCCMA members are encouraged to submit community and artist news, event listings, tour dates and announcements monthly for the BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER.

Please ensure that your submission is **brief (100 words) but detailed** and **ready to be published**. You may include links with your submission. Placement of links will be at the discretion of the editor. **For event listings and tour dates, please only submit the upcoming month's dates.** Making a submission does not guarantee publication, however, we promise to do our very best to include all submissions. Please email submissions to [eamonn@bccountry.com](mailto:eamonn@bccountry.com) at **any time before 6pm [PST] on the 25th of every month** to be included in the following month's e-Newsletter