



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - January 2016

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our January 2016 Newsletter. The BCCMA Directors take this opportunity to wish all our members a Happy New Year 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

Happy New Year!!

This year, as usual, my family and I will bring in the New Year in Times Square, New York! Of course, it will be the televised version!

Most of you will be celebrating somewhere with family and friends, some of you will bring your best music to help us all celebrate with a real Country Music New Year!

While I think of it too, take a moment to reflect on this past year, make a few promises to improve yourself and be a better person and quit that one habit that seems impossible to beat!

I look forward to seeing you at all of next years' events and shows. Stay tuned for all of our upcoming announcements and see you at the AGM in February 2016!

Brian Thate
President, BCCMA

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm thankful for everything in my life every day, not just Christmas or Thanksgiving. We shouldn't let any holiday dictate when we should share happiness, thanks, love, warmth and gifts --- It should be done all the time. By gifts I don't mean wrapped up presents, it's not a material thing. A gift could be a smile, hug, or a moment of laughter or even a song. A gift can be many things and shown in many ways. It could be a simple gesture of letting someone in line ahead of you, buying a hot drink for a homeless person, or helping someone with their bags etc. It's the simple things in life that mean the most.

From my house to yours, may your Christmas be filled with many gifts from the heart, surrounded by those you love, warmth, amazing music and lots of laughter. Thank you for being a part of my life, you all had a huge part of making 2015 one to remember. Your continued support for the association, it's sponsors, artists, musicians and members are shaping the BCCMA to be the best 'country' family in Canada. Merry Christmas everyone and all the best in 2016, it's going to be an AMAZING year for ALL OF US !!!!

Linda Corscadden
Vice President, BCCMA

NEWS / EVENTS

NEW YEARS EVE EVENTS:

Peter James Band - Finnegan's Pub in Abbotsford (33780 King Rd) \$10
Merv Tremblay Band - Elk's Club in Mission (33336 - 2nd Ave) \$25
Rockin' Chair with Rod Black & Jessie Harris - Quesnel Senior Centre \$35
Sky Wyatt - Rhino's Pub (541 Clarke Rd Coquitlam) \$10
Cambree Lovesy - Abbotsford Tradex (1190 Cornell Street) \$15
Cash Crawford / Jesse Burch - Timber (1300 Robson St, Vancouver) \$10
Dave Hartney (Runaway Lane) - Gabby's (20297 Fraser Hwy. Langley) \$25
Tom McKillip - Dewdney Pub (8793 River Rd) \$15
Topaz - Duke's Country Pub (41582 Yale Rd West, Chilliwack) \$34.99
Chris Buck Band - Chances Casino in Fort St John \$50
The Matinee - Canada Place in Vancouver (free event)
John Dykstra & Six Gun Romeo - Rusty's Pub (17770 -56th Ave, Cloverdale) \$35.95
Stu Coleman & Chicken Like Birds - Tractor Grease Cafe (need address) \$25

BCCMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia Country Music Association will be as follows:

DATE: Sunday, February 28th, 2016

LOCATION: Hampton Inn & Suites - 19500 Langley By-Pass, Langley, B.C.
(meeting room A)

MEETING: Checkin starts at 1:00 pm - Meeting starts: 1:30pm

A Quorum must be reached before the meeting can begin so please arrive in advance of 1:30pm.

Please note, only members in good standing are able to attend and vote at the AGM. If you are unsure of the status of your membership, contact Linda Corscadden at linda@bccountry.com. Memberships can be purchased prior to the meeting online at www.bccountry.com or at the door prior to the start of the meeting.

This is your opportunity to hear what was achieved in 2015; what is planned for 2016; share your thoughts and input for the upcoming year; and vote in the 2016 Board of Directors.

We look forward to seeing you all again and hearing from all of you on the desired direction of the Association for 2016 and beyond.

[BREAK THROUGH COUNTRY PROJECT](#)

A big congratulations goes out to our BCCMA Artists that made the top 10 in the Break Through Country Project !

Raquel Cole, Cash Crawford, Shy Sharity, Blake Havard, The Heels, Andrew Christopher, Dave Hartney, The Peter James Band, The Rowdy Spurs and Ajaye Jardine !

Good luck to all of you in the next phase starting in January !!!

[COUNTRY 100.7](#)

Country 100.7 held its annual Families Feeding Families food drive in support of the Salvation Army and proud to report over 1200 pounds of food was collected, plus over \$2500 in cash to support families in need through the Okanagan. The Casey Clarke Show w/ Roo Phelps took their show live from WalMart on the Saturday in support of this annual event! Thank you for all your support!

[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 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

BAILEY WAY ENTERTAINMENT

Jeff Johnson and Bailey Way Entertainment are very excited about the upcoming release from BCCMA award winners **Chris Buck Band**. Their new single "**Giddy Up**" available now at Itunes December 24th. The "Giddy Up" video will be available early Jan 2016.

Bailey Way Ent also finished production on 6 songs on the upcoming **George Canyon's** new album "**I Got This**" available for download Jan 15th 2016!

A heartfelt Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and all the best for 2016 from Kate Edwin and Jeff! God Bless!

ARTIST NEWS

CHAD BROWNLEE

As his current single, "**Hearts On Fire**" continues to climb the charts, Chad Brownlee's fans received an early Christmas present with the exclusive release of his video on CMT Canada on December 8! Chad will release his forthcoming album in early 2016.

For more information on Chad Brownlee: www.chadbrownlee.com

CHRIS BUCK BAND

The Chris Buck Band had an amazing 2015, winning 2 BCCMA Awards (Country Club Act and Group/Duo of the Year). The boys have been playing the bar scene for 8 years now and finally felt it was time to pursue their original music. Their first single off their new EP, "Leave Your Light On", went to Top 40 on Canadian Country Radio Billboards and BDS Charts. The band has partnered with Bailey Way Entertainment (Jeff Johnson) and Chris Buck Band has finally released their NEW single "Giddy Up" to country radio. It's a fun, upbeat song that will keep you dancing, similar to their live show. They also will be releasing their first full band music video in January with a brand new "Gagnam Style" line dance for you all to learn! The boys wanna wish all the BCCMA artists and member's a Happy Holiday's!

For more information on The Chris Buck Band: www.chrisbuckband.com

[RAQUEL COLE](#)

Raquel performed as one of the finalists in the B.C. Breakthrough Country Music Project at the Roxy in Vancouver on Sunday, December 13. She was last out of five bands to perform and put on a dynamic show, opening her set with an original song solo, acoustically. The energy heightened when Cole was joined by a full band. CanadianBeats featured her YouTube cover of "River" in their 25 Days of Christmas featured artist countdown.

For more information on Raquel Cole: www.raquelcole.com

[STEPHANO BARBERIS](#)

Director Stephano Barberis has scored his 17th official #1 music video with [Gord Bamford](#)'s dark epic "Don't Let Her Be Gone."

The video has hit #1 on [CMT Canada](#)'s Chevy Top 20 countdown this week, making it the top video in Canada.

This is the tenth music video Stephano Barberis has directed for Gord Bamford, the previous two being "When Your Lips Are So Close" and "Unreal," shot in Phoenix, Arizona and Los Angeles, California, respectively.

Currently, the director has just released his fifth [Small Town Pistols](#) video "Jester In A Crown" in the form of a dark comedy/short film and his first [Chad Brownlee](#) video for super-hit "Hearts On Fire."

Looking forward, Stephano Barberis is about to release upstart Warner Music artist [Aaron Goodvin](#)'s Toronto-shot "Knock On Wood" and 604 Records electropop-driven "Primitive" for female pop trio [The Katherines](#)

Stephano is also in pre-production on new Cache/Sony artist [Jesse Mast](#)'s music video and his second for new female artist [Shae Dupuy](#).

The Stephano Barberis-directed music video for [Dallas Smith](#)'s "Tippin' Point" hit over a million views on YouTube this week.

[DANIELLE MARIE](#)

Excitement is mounting for the pending release from Danielle Marie on January 5, 2016! "Drive Away" is the first co-write from Danielle Marie being released to radio, and the song will show a different side to the young artist. "Drive Away" was co-written with award-winning songwriter, Byron Hill. In addition to the release of her new single, Danielle Marie will spend a month in Nashville writing for her next project. So far the list of writers she'll work with consists of Patricia Conroy, Danick Dupelle, Michelle Wright, Phil Barton and Byron Hill. She'll also be doing radio tours throughout Canada and will perform at the 10th Anniversary of Manitoulin Country Fest.

For more information on Danielle Marie: www.daniellemariemusic.com

[THE SWAGGER KINGS](#)

Welcome everyone to this awesome New Year called 2016. From the gang here to you and yours may this be the best year ever!!!!

Haven't seen us around in a few months? Where are The Swagger Kings??
Well, we have been hunkered down in the studio working on our album! This product will be a mix of our retro jump blues and some of our new country, classic country and southern rock style tunes.
We expect to be completed early this year and back on the live scene to promote this new album. Watch for our upcoming bookings and listen for our first single to be released in North America. You can keep up to date by checking our website www.theswaggerkingsband.com or check us out on Facebook.

CYNTHIA LEIGH ANN

Cynthia is working on her second album adding several Cowboy songs, this is an exciting time for her as she is embarking on a new trail ride of great Cowboy covers, and her new country singles that will blow you away; this is a great opportunity to mix old songs from Gene Autry *America's Favorite Singing Cowboy*, and some great country songs that you will love. She will be in studio to record her first songs 3 singles with her Nashville Team at Clements Cowboy Country Studios, the same place where Johnny Cash did his recording under producer Jack Clements. What an endorsement to have on her album.

Look for Cynthia Leigh-Ann playing in the Calgary at these venues:
Ranchmen's Country Club & Cowboys Dance Hall 8th and 9th January and at the Holiday Inn in Westbank, January 19th from 6pm to 9pm with Rachel Layne. They will be playing great covers and their new singles. Come out and support them

THORN HILL

Thorn Hill, are beyond excited to bring you their very first single, "Rich or Poorer", a classic country heartbreaker of a song featuring Cash Crawford on backing vocals.

Thorn Hill's Clint van Blanken and Leah McKenney wrote the song with LA script writer Mike Kubat. The recording of the song is a fantastic example of the growing collaborations we see amongst past and current BCCMA members. Bed tracks commenced earlier in the year at BCCMA "Studio of the Year 2015" winner, Studio Downe Under. The song was produced by and played on by Clint van Blanken and co-produced with Jordan Oorbeek of Orbek Music where the final mix was completed. Additional contributors include Phil Bell on Bass, Travis Toy of Rascal Flats on pedal steel, Derek Knowles on Drums, Craig Dong on Keys and of course Cash Crawford on BG's.

"Rich or Poorer" was released on Xmas day and is available for **free download until Jan 31, 2016** via the Thorn Hill website www.therealthornhill.com

SONS OF DAUGHTERS

Sons of Daughters are excited to announce their recent signing with RGK Entertainment Group (Dean Brody/Tim Hick/Corb Lund) and will be heading back to Nashville, Tennessee early January 2016 to commence with co-writes and

showcases. They are having a going away party at The Queens Cross Pub in North Vancouver, Tuesday, January 5th at 8pm. This is a ticketed event only, visit their facebook page www.facebook.com/sonsofdaughtersmusic further information.

ROBYN & RYLEIGH

The new year is going to start out busy for us- our new album on Royalty Records comes out on January 15th! We're going to have a special release party/celebration at Gabby's on Thursday night January 14th, and we'd love to see all our BCCMA friends come out. It's taken a lot of work to complete this album, and we're so excited to be able to share our new music with you live!

Right after, we'll be heading back to Ontario to do a radio tour for our single 'By Heart' and visit as many music people as we can. Hopefully it won't be too cold!

Another exciting bit of news is that we'll be appearing in an ABC/Hallmark movie of the week next month! They will be using two of our new songs in it which we were deeply honoured to find out. It's a romantic story, and we'll be able to announce the title and air date soon!

We want to wish all of our friends and fellow BCCMA artists a Happy New Year, and may you all have success in 2016!

ANDREW CHRISTOPHER

Andrew's debut single 'Sweetheart' is a tribute to Andrew's late daughter Lilee-Jean who passed away from brain cancer at the age of 2.5. This was the first song Andrew wrote after she passed, and as sad as the story is, the song is very uplifting and beautiful. It was released Dec 5, on what would have been LJ's 5th birthday and is available for download anywhere you can get music as well as by request at your local radio stations. Have a listen here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=1X0HqfKOF-U

BEN KLICK

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Gearing up for 2016, Ben has been added to the 2016 Okanagan College Annual Concert on January 9th for this two day event! He's got an acoustic show on January 30th, and can also be seen with the Westbank Country Opry on January 31st! With a new website, an email list, and a drive to write, Ben Klick is ready for the New Year and what it brings! "All the best to everyone in the New Year, and I can't wait to see everyone again soon!"

LLOYD TOSOFF

Live it, Write it Play it. Lloyd Tosoff and the Redneck AllStars kick off the New Year ready to launch an album that crosses country boundaries with songs that

tell stories about real life that everyone can relate to. We invite you to visit our brand new webpage at www.lloydtoff.com to find out more.

LISA NICOLE

2016 is looking to be a promising year for Lisa Nicole's career. She just returned from a few weeks co-writing and playing shows down south in Nashville, TN. At the beginning of January Lisa will be going into the studio to cut her first two songs for her new record; before she heads to Toronto at the end of the month. She will be gone for 14 weeks to attend the Coalition Artist Entrepreneur Program. This is a \$15,000 scholarship, as part of winning the ADP.

On January 23rd, you can see Lisa live at The Gunbarrel Saloon at Apex Mountain Resort. This will be one of her last West Coast shows until the Spring.

YouTube: www.YouTube.com/lisanicolemusic

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/lisanicolemusic

Twitter/Instagram/Snapchat/Periscope: @lisanicolemusic

Website: www.lisanicolemusic.com

THE HEELS

The Heels are busy pounding the pavement and making things happen. Focussing on Co-Writes, shows, competitions, holiday concerts, filming their first Music Video and making more and more live videos a reality! They are releasing the official music video for their first Single called "Tombstone" mid January 2016 and will be posting a Video release party date soon!

Making the Top 10 in The Country Music Breakthrough Project was a career highlight! Playing the next round on the Finale Night @ The Roxy Valentines Day 2016 @ 9pm! Bring down your Valentines and let them serenade you. It's going to be a Breakthrough night you won't want to miss!

They also completed their NEW website, www.theheelsmusic.com check it out for all Heels News!

PETER JAMES BAND

Catch Peter James' Date Night every Tuesday at Eighteen 27 Restaurant in Fort Langley from 6:30 PM till 9:30 PM, where he will be performing many of your favorite Country music ballads mixed in with a few classic and modern love songs on the grand piano.

At the Anavets in Chilliwack with Victor Cronley from 2:30pm to 5:30pm Jan 26, 2016.

The second round of the Breakthrough Country Project showcase will be Sunday Jan. 17 at The Roxy in Vancouver. Doors open at 7:00pm.

On January 23 he will be at the Roadhouse in Chilliwack from 8:30pm to 12:00pm. An evening of good music, singing, dancing and fun.

[BUD WEBB](#)

Bud and Jim's annual Christmas Fundraiser was held and they are proud to announce they raised \$3210.00 plus a ton of groceries all to be given to the Christmas Bureau. They would like to thank all of their sponsors and everyone that helped bring this fundraiser to this next level.

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 bccma@bccountry.com at **any time before 6pm [PST] on the 25th of every month** to be included in the following month's e-Newsletter