



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - February 2016

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our February 2016 Newsletter.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Myself and the rest of the BCCMA Board of Directors would like to thank Eamonn Morris for his 3 years of service as a Director with the BC Country Music Association! We would like to welcome back Mr. Curtis Pope to fulfill Eamonn's remaining 1 year term!

Today is the first day of the rest of our lives.

What are we going to do this year to create opportunities for the members of the BC Country Music Association?

February 28th - BCCMA Annual General Meeting (see details below)

March - Launch the 2nd Annual Artist Development Project

April 10th - Hall of Fame Show (details to come)

May - Cloverdale Rodeo & ADP Finale

Summer - Festivals, Showcases and other events

October 21st through 23rd - BC Country Music Awards Show Weekend

Join us on February 28, 2016 and let's launch our year together!

Brian Thate
President
BC Country Music Association

NEWS / EVENTS

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: Check in 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@bcccountry.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.

2016/2017 SPONSORSHIP

The BCCMA has an amazing year ahead full of events which we'll be announcing soon. In order to make these events happen we need your help.

Sponsorship is an integral part of supporting, celebrating and building our Country Music Industry. We continue to promote the achievements of our BC Country Music Artists and provide a framework to develop Artists, Songwriters, Musicians and all other aspects of this vibrant community.

If you would be interested, or know someone that would be interested in sponsoring the BCCMA please contact us at 604-533-5088 or email us at bccma@bcccountry.com.

Sponsorship packages are available at
www.bccountry.com/siteimages/newsletter107_1.pdf

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, Shylo Sharity, Blake Havard, The Heels, Andrew Christopher, Dave Hartney, The Peter James Band, The Rowdy Spurs and Ajaye Jardine !

The next phase of the contest has already started, but don't miss out on these performances left at the Roxy in Vancouver:

January 31st - Shylo Sharity and Cash Crawford

February 7th - Rowdy Spurs and Blake Havard

February 14th - Dave Hartney and The Heels.

VARIETY CLUB TELETHON

BCCMA Artists Aaron Pritchett, James Byrnes and Shari Ulrich are just a few of the performers on the Variety Club Telethon February 13 and 14 at The Centre in Vancouver - tickets at www.variety50.eventbrite.ca

MANICDOWN PRODUCTIONS

Manicdown Productions becomes **MANICDOWN MUSIC INC.**

Manicdown Productions has expanded into the publishing world and we are pleased to announce the signing of Niagra Falls native "*Danica Bucci*". This development has also prompted **MDP** to restructure and incorporate under the name "*Manicdown Music Inc*".

Danica fits the Manicdown profile perfectly. Completely unknown....and so incredibly talented. We are honoured to represent her amazing catalogue.

Manicdown Music's latest artist signing "*Lanie McAuley*" will release her first single on February 29, 2016. We are so very proud of the work we've done together and are thrilled to finally share it with the world!

It's been business as usual for "*Jojo Mason*" since his debut single "*It's All Good*" did the unthinkable, cracking top - 10. His 2nd single "*Good Kinda Love*" continues to perform, currently charting #16 and rising. We are also pleased to announce a new member to Jojo's team - "*Paquin Entertainment Group*". Paquin will serve as Jojo's booking agent.

Open Road Recording artist (and Manicdown Music's first artist signing) "*Madeline Merlo*" will be back in the MDP studios this month collaborating and recording. She's been busy having a HUGE year highlighted by her **CCMA** win for **Rising Star** and **BCCMA** win for **Female Vocalist of the Year**.

ARTIST NEWS

DANIELLE MARIE

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

Having a blast in Nashville this month, but really looking forward to getting home to beautiful BC next month! I'm excited to announce that my new single 'Drive Away' that went to Country Radio Jan 5, 2016, Debuted on the Canadian Country - Trax Report and is currently at #74. Thank you for the support and I will see y'all soon! Good luck to all of the Breakthrough Country Music Finalists!! Can't wait to see you perform!!

Upcoming Shows

- Feb 11th ~ Opening for George Canyon ~ 8:00pm CJ's Night Club, Kamloops. Tickets \$30 <http://www.kamtix.ca/>
- Feb 12th & 13th ~ w/ Jordan Pritchett ~ Silva Bay Pub on Gabriola Island. Times TBA

DARYN LARSON

Daryn Larson is new to BCCMA this month. Preview his music here 'Beer in My Lap' - EP by Daryn Larson <https://itun.es/ca/ADvT8> or find him on soundcloud. He is currently working on his second album, and hopes to have another single out this summer.

MEGAN TWIST

Megan Twist will be performing live at Gabby's country cabaret on February 11th! She plays a 45 minute set at 8pm and is sure to rock the house! Come on down for a Thursday night full of fun and good country music.

THE HEELS

The Heels will be performing at 9pm in the Top 10 for The Breakthrough Country Music Project, on February 14th, 2016 at The Roxy. They are releasing their first music video at the end of February, which they wrote, directed & edited with cinematographer Simon Shanke. The Heels are finishing their next two singles with Carly & Darren Savard by the end of the month.

www.theheelsmusic.com

@theheelsmusic

CHRIS BUCK BAND

The boys had an amazing start to 2016 having their single "Giddy Up" be the most added song to country radio to start the year. The video is set to release February after their Fresh Face feature on CMT. They will be performing Feb 13 at The Winter Festival Celebration downtown Prince George and Feb 19 at The Show Lounge Ocean Side Suites in Cowichan Bay.

CYNTHIA LEIGH ANN

Hello from Cynthia Leigh-Ann, she is finally getting radio results thanks to RDR Music Joe Wood. He has a new feature and the Music Directors are hearing her and they are playing and downloading her song. Please request her latest single 'Everything You Do' She thanks everyone that has supported her

ROBYN & RYLEIGH

Robyn and Ryleigh are off to a fast start this new year. Their new album for Royalty Records/Sony 'By Heart' was released January 15th and has been receiving strong reviews. The launch party was held at Gabby's to a packed house, including incredible support from fellow BCCMA artists and media.

The girls spent a whirlwind 8 days in Ontario and Montreal promoting the album and single. They now head back to the prairies for a couple of performances plus radio promotion in Alberta and Saskatchewan. R + R will be featured performing two of their songs- including a brand new track- in the ABC/Hallmark TV movie 'Appetite For Love' scheduled to air February 6th North America wide.

A link to their latest video is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9ZiqKVyOkM>

www.robynandryleigh.com

MAKE A SCENE

BCCMA Artists Cherelle Jardine and Marc Gladstone want your help. 'Live music is about supply and demand. Help us create the demand again in Vancouver. The reason this is called "Make a Scene", is because that's what we want again, in Vancouver. A scene. There isn't one now. So please... join us. Be part of the solution to your own problem. We can make this work. Together we can Make a Scene!'

"Make a Scene" is growing fast! Over 300 members the first two days... their website is currently under construction, but will be at makeascene.ca If you go there now you'll be redirected to the Facebook page. If you're not onboard yet it's easy to join... just go to the page and request to be added. Let's kick up the action on LIVE music in the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island! All we ask is that you make an effort to get out to see some LIVE music twice a month. That's it. Then tell us about it. If you're a musician, post upcoming shows so that other Make a Scene members can attend. We'll also post deals for Make a Scene members as they come in... there's one up there now! Check it out!!

BEN KLICK

With 5 BCCMA Nominations, the Winner of the 2015 Global Country Star Search, and a great introduction with the release of OFF ROAD to radio, we enter 2016 with the newest release, BUTTERFLY TATTOO. The song was co-written by award winning Canadian singer-songwriter, RyLee Madison and Ben Klick,

recorded and produced by 7-17 Music in Nashville, TN, with Clay Krasner and RyLee Madison at the helm, and help from award winning musicians who have worked with the likes of Sam Hunt, Keith Urban, Terri Clark, Carrie Underwood and Darius Rucker. Mixed by Lee Brice's producer, Matt McClure, Ben is planning on visiting Canadian radio throughout the year and the performing schedule is starting to come together for 2016. Stay tuned !

[PEARL COUSINS](#)

Pearl Cousins is releasing her new single "Party Lovin Cowgirl" on January 28th. Party Lovin Cowgirl is a new spin on urban country music with an old country feel. Check out her music video on youtube and download the song on itunes!

www.pearlcousins.com

YouTube Video

<https://youtu.be/gMn5gntHjSU>

itunes

<http://itunes.apple.com/album/id1074282463?ls=1&app=itunes>

[BLAKE HAVARD](#)

Blake Havard Live! Sunday Feb. 7 at the Roxy for the Breakthrough Country Project. Doors 7pm Show 8pm. Tix \$10 at the door \$7 with advance ticket. Blake Havard -guitar/vcls, Pat Steward-drums, Rob Becker-bass, David Barber-guitar.

[SHAE DUPUY](#)

Shae Dupuy released her new single, "Tin Man", to country radio on January 18. This song is a must-listen as the lyrics have twists and turns. "Tin Man" was produced by Jeff Johnson (BCCMA Producer of the Year) and co-written by Shae and Jeff. Look for the "Tin Man" music video next month; Shae is shooting the video this month in Vancouver. CCMA Award winner Stephano Barberis will direct. The single is available to download on iTunes, Google Play, Spotify and all steaming services.

For more information: shaedupuy.com

[MADELINE MERLO](#)

This year's CCMA Rising Star Award winner and BCCMA Female Vocalist of the Year, Madeline Merlo released her brand new single "**Whatcha Wanna Do About It**" on January 22 from her upcoming album, due for Spring 2016. Following her self-titled EP and singles "Sinking Like a Stone" and "Honey Jack," Madeline Merlo has quickly become recognized as an artist to watch, most recently by Spotify. If 2015 taught us anything, it's that Madeline Merlo is a force to be reckoned with. Following a trip overseas to entertain the Canadian Armed Forces, two major award wins, and supporting dates with Dean Brody and Paul

Brandt on the Road Trip Tour last fall, Madeline is gearing up for even more excitement in 2016. In addition to her new album, Madeline is also preparing to for her musical movie debut in 'Country Crush' set for release this summer.

For more information on Madeline Merlo: madelinemerlo.com

TWIN KENNEDY

Twin Kennedy's official music video for their new single "Feels Like Freedom" premiered on **Exclaim!**. Check out the video, directed by Victoria, BC videographer, Dave Wallace and filmed on beautiful Vancouver Island, where Twin Kennedy calls home, by clicking **HERE**. Twin Kennedy will be touring across the US in January and February.

For more information on Twin Kennedy: twinkennedy.com

LISA NICOLE

January was a busy and exciting month for Lisa. She recorded her first two songs with Tom and Carly McKillip. She also made the move to Toronto until Spring to attend Canada's Music Incubator at Coalition Music all part of her prize payout from the BCCMA/MusicBC ADP contest !!

Check out her VLOG of the trip thus

far: www.youtube.com/watch?v=77c1QmNS38A&feature=youtu.be

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ME AND MAE

Me and Mae ended 2015 with the shotgun release of their new single 'Only Live Once'. The band collaborated with Manicdown Music (Dan Swinimer) to hone their new signature sound. The group has entered the Trax Report Canadian Country Charts at #98 and have their sights set on moving up from there. Check out the official lyric video for 'Only Live Once' here: <https://youtu.be/HKsPBTkYT5Q>.

Colette and Shawn promoted the single 'Only Live Once' by completing an Eastern Country Radio tour hitting six different stations. Their single has since been added or featured on the following stations: The Eagle 103.5, Sirius XM/CBC Country, KICX 106, KICX 96, Country 107.1, GX 94, Country 93 and Country 103 and has generated a lot of support from online radio shows: Music Road Radio, The Iceman's New Country and Banks Radio Australia.

Me and Mae are excited to announce that they have been added to Rockin' River Music Fest and will be performing on July 31st with some other amazing BCCMA artists. Keep your eyes peeled over the coming months for Me and Mae's new EP "The Feel Good EP" and their new single "Feel Good Feelin'" which was a collaboration with Jeff Johnson of Bailey Way Entertainment.

For more information on Me and Mae, check out our new website:

www.meandmae.com

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