



## **BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2016**

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our October 2016 Newsletter.

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

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I had the BEST time at the CCMA Awards in London Ontario a few weeks back. What an amazing time, SUPERB shows and I got to meet so many incredible people. It was nice to put faces to names finally. Being in this Industry for just over 12 years now, I've only ever communicated with them via phone or email as I'm always too busy producing our own BCCMA Awards Show.

I have to mention that it was very heart warming to hear from 'non' BCCMA members and Industry people on how well we run our organization and how much talent we have coming from B.C!!!! It's pretty cool when we get artists from other Provinces joining 'our family' here in BC.

We are coming into the final few weeks before our 40<sup>th</sup> BCCMA Awards Show, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>. We were fully sold out on the floor in 3 weeks!!!! That is INCREDIBLE!!! There are still great tickets left on the balcony, they won't last long though so if you haven't gotten your tickets yet, you best get them soon. This is going to be an amazing show, a huge celebration of 40 years you won't want to miss this.

Tickets can be bought online at: [www.ticketmaster.ca/40TH-Annual-BC-Country-Music-Awards-tickets/artist/2290599?tm\\_link=edp\\_Artist\\_Name](http://www.ticketmaster.ca/40TH-Annual-BC-Country-Music-Awards-tickets/artist/2290599?tm_link=edp_Artist_Name) Or by calling Ticketmaster at 1-855-985-5000

Linda Corscadden  
Interim President, BCCMA

## **EVENTS/NEWS**

### **The BCCMA FINAL BALLOT IS OPEN**

The BCCMA FINAL ballot is open, be sure to get your vote in before October 7<sup>th</sup> at midnight! [www.bccountry.com/awardsvote/](http://www.bccountry.com/awardsvote/) Follow the instructions provided in the email that was sent out.

We can't stress the importance of your vote, please do your part in submitting your ballot. This is YOUR Awards, make it count.

Congratulations to ALL the nominees this year, see you at the show!

### **2016 BCCMA AWARDS SHOW WEEKEND**

The British Columbia Country Music Association (BCCMA) will be presenting four events as part of the **2016 BCCMA Awards Show weekend** on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **BCCMA Awards Showcase**

Friday, October 21st, 2016 -- Time: 6:00pm  
Executive Plaza Hotel (405 North Road, Coquitlam)  
Performers to be announced soon

#### **Artist Development Workshop**

Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Time: 11 am  
Executive Plaza Hotel (405 North Road, Coquitlam)  
\$20 at the door  
A power packed panel of key industry personalities to assist you in your Country Music Career

11:00 - 11:45 - Doug Folkin- income streams, song writing, co-writing  
11:45 – 12:30 - Jeff Johnson- song writing, co-writing, production  
12:30 – 12:45 - Break  
12:45 – 1:30 - Adrian Lock from Pitbull Promotions- how to get your songs on the radio, song tracking  
1:30 – 3:00 - Patricia Conroy- song writing, co-writing from a Nashville perspective, song demos  
3:00 – 4:00 - Barbara Sedun/ Socan- legal, publishing, copyright, registering songs

#### **BCCMA Awards Pre-Party / Showcase**

Saturday, October 22nd, 2016 -- Time: 6:00pm  
Executive Plaza Hotel (405 North Road, Coquitlam)  
Performers to be announced soon

#### **40<sup>th</sup> Annual BCCMA Awards Show**

Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 – Door: 5:30pm – Show 6:30pm  
Molson Canadian Theatre (formally Red Robinson Theatre)

(2080 United Blvd, Coquitlam, B.C.)

Each seat: \$45.00 – Hosted by Country 100.7's Casey Clarke & Roo Phelps !

All ages, Cash Bar

**Performers:** JoJo Mason, Patricia Conroy, Chris Buck Band, Madeline Merlo, The Washboard Union, Aaron Pritchett, Karen Lee Batten, Todd Richard, Robyn & Ryleigh, Danielle Marie, Ben Klick and a medley sung by Angela Kelman, Rick Tippe, Gord Maxwell and Bobbi Smith!! An incredible line up!

**BC Country Music Association is proud to announce our Host Hotel is:**

Executive Plaza Hotel

405 North Road Coquitlam, BC V3K 3V9

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All our members, sponsors and guests are being offered a special discounted rate for nights Oct 20<sup>th</sup> through October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016:

Deluxe Double or King \$120 (plus tax)

Corner Club King \$130.00 (plus tax)

One Bedroom Suite \$140.00 (plus tax)

Penthouse \$220.00 (plus tax)

These rates will include parking / Wi-Fi & shuttle to casino. Breakfast at \$12 per person (when added before check in) There will be an additional guest charge of \$10 (over dbl occ.)

When reserving please use this to get the discounted rate: **Booking ID 19037**

These rates are available until October 7<sup>th</sup>. This hotel fills up fast, book your room now!

Email: [reservationsc@executivehotels.net](mailto:reservationsc@executivehotels.net)

## [OK CORRAL CABARET - KELOWNA](#)

October features:

Chris Buck Band Live for Muppet Theme Corral-O-Ween Friday October 29th!

Jäger Bull Thursday Nights: \$3.50 Jäger Bull's \* Line Dance Lessons @ 7:30 PM followed up by Mechanical Bull Riding!

Friday Night's: Two Stepping Lessons @ 8 PM

Stag Saturday's: Host your Stag / Stagette here for FULL VIP Treatment!

## STEPHANO BARBERIS

Stephano Barberis has won his 9th CCMA Award at this weekend's Country Music Week in London, Ontario.

The Vancouver director's win was for a body of work including videos by Dallas Smith ("Cheap Seats"), Bobby Wills ("So Much For Taking It Slow"), Chad Brownlee Music ("Hearts On Fire") and Gord Bamford ("Don't Let Her Be Gone"). This award brings Stephano Barberis' tally of directorial and video awards to 32 - a mind blowing number that makes him the most highly awarded music video director in Canadian history. The director's exalted reputation for star-making and re-invention is evidenced by millions of YouTube views, over 60 official top 20 video hits, 32 directorial and video awards out of 72 nominations, and over 150 music videos trusted to his vision.

Stephano has quietly achieved this iconic success by frequent, surprise, sea-change reinvention, an unwavering obsession with quality, and a cult-like dedicated following in industry and fan circles who religiously support the director at every stage of his career. With a strongly cinematic influence of magic-realism, Barberis has often been credited with changing the aesthetic face of country music in Canada while pushing boundaries in pop, rap, and other genres.

## INVICTUS ENTERTAINMENT GROUP

September 13, 2016 (TORONTO, ON) – 2016 has been an incredible year for Canada's management and promotion company Invictus Entertainment Group. Selling more than 125,000 tickets to date in 2016, and consistently listed in the world's top 100 concert promoters by Pollstar, the company has come out of Canadian Country Music Week in London, ON with three major wins -- **Management Company of the Year**, **Booking Agency of the Year** and the **Ron Sakamoto Talent Buyer or Promoter of the Year**.

This is the second year in a row the company has won all 3 awards in the same year.

Invictus client and Warner Music Canada artist **Brett Kissel** also dominated this year at the awards, winning **Interactive Artist of the Year**, **Male Artist of the Year**, and the coveted **Fans' Choice Award**. Kissel was also able to celebrate alongside **Mickey Jack Cones** and **Bart McKay** as they took home **Record Producer(s) of the Year** for his album 'Pick Me Up.'

Following these wins, Kissel announced the '**Ice, Snow & 30 Below**' Canadian tour, an 18-date East Coast tour that will kick off in January. With its first show taking place in Sault St. Marie (ON) on January 12, the tour will make its way through Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick before landing in Georgetown, PEI for its closing show on February 4. With a Western Canada tour following later in 2017, '**Ice, Snow & 30 Below**' will deliver Brett's first headlining performance in Toronto - **January 22** at the **Danforth Music Hall**.

Next month, Kissel will be honoured with the **2016 Allan Slaight Honour** at the annual Canada's Walk of Fame induction ceremony. Recognizing young, inspirational Canadians

who have achieved international success in the music industry, The Allan Slaight Honour earns the country singer from Flat Lake, AB a coveted spot on the 2016 Walk of Fame red carpet and televised special.

## **JAMS**

**Chris Rolin** hosts an open jam in Maple Ridge every Sunday 3:00 -7:00 at the Army and Navy Vets Club in Maple Ridge (122326 North Ave). Everyone is welcome.

**Merv Tremblay** continues to host the longest-running Jam (7 years) in the Fraser Valley, at the Captain's Cabin Pub in Mission – 33331 Harbour Ave. Sundays, 3:30pm to 7:30pm – or 'til every one has had a chance to shine. First come, first served.

## **ARTIST NEWS**

### **KENNY HESS**

I'm so sorry I can't be at the awards this year to see all the great artists that the BCCMA has chosen to honour. I will be gigging in Illinois, Wisconsin and Florida...but I will be thinking of all the fun back home, Good luck to all the nominees

### **OUTLAW POETS**

The Outlaw Poets have the following shows:

-October 1st - the Roots N' Blues Fall Fest in Mission, BC

<http://www.mission.ca/event/roots-n-blues-fall-fest>

-October 29th - The Triple Play Pub in Chilliwack, BC (with Dion Weisbrod)

### **CHRIS BUCK**

Chris woke up to a exciting call from Nashville last week. He found out he won the 2016 Unsigned Only song writing competition beating out 6000 other songs. He also wanted to a big thank you to Chad Brownlee, Jeff Johnson, Phil Puxley for their co writes over the last year. They are also excited to have had their NEW single "Sun Sets Down" released to radio Sept 26 and excited to release their new EP late October.

After an extremely busy summer of touring western Canada the boys are so excited to perform at their first BCCMA awards this year. They also had the opportunity to play several shows in London Ontario during CCMA week this year. They recently just released their NEW single "Sun Sets Down" to Canadian Country Radio and are just finishing up a brand new EP set for November with award winning producer Jeff Johnson. Visit them at [www.chrisbuckband.com](http://www.chrisbuckband.com)

Ok Corral (Kelowna) - Oct 28

Ocean Front Suites (Cowichan Bay) - Oct 29

## THE COUNTY LINE

This fall, Megan and Hayden are completing the finishing touches on their debut EP with the help and direction of Jordan Orebeek. They have just returned from an amazing week at the CCMA's and are grateful for all of the wonderful industry members they were able to connect with, along with connecting in person with FACTOR whom they have just received funding from! For more information on this Victoria based country duo, please visit their newly designed website at: [www.thecountyline.ca](http://www.thecountyline.ca)

October 8 - Parksville BC - The Rod & Gun  
October 14 - Langford BC - Darcy's Westshore  
October 21 - Victoria BC - The Duke Saloon  
October 28 - Saltspring Island BC - Moby's

## TWIN KENNEDY

Fresh off their BCCMA nomination for Roots/Canadiana and CCMA nomination for Fiddle Player of the Year, TWIN KENNEDY hits the road again for an exciting Fall tour schedule. They were featured performers in Saint John, NB for Contact East on September 23rd at the Imperial Theatre, followed by performances in Bass River, NS and Powell River, BC.

Twin Kennedy returns to the southern US for a tour of Florida this month, followed by shows in Pennsylvania and Georgia. Visit [www.twinkennedy.com](http://www.twinkennedy.com) for more details.

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## KAREN LEE BATTEN

To all my Friends and Family in the BCCMA Music Industry,

A huge high five on your hard work this year! The videos, songs and music you have made, the performances and tours, the late nights, early mornings and the ability to keep on keepin' on through it all! To all the nominees a huge congrats, and whether you take that hardware home or not, we all know how good you are!

Thank you so much for all your support and nominating me this year. It means so much more to me than you could ever know. I love that I get to call you all my Friends. (And man have we had some good laughs!!) I don't know many industries that support each other as much as we do. I'm super proud to be a part of that.

Stay tuned for my brand new album "Under the Covers" coming soon. Very soon! 😊  
Can't wait to see you all at the Awards!! ~ Karen Lee

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*"5 Time BC Country Female Vocalist of the Year"*

## JOHNNY P. JOHNSON

After a 10-year hiatus, Canadian country-roots artist Johnny P. Johnson is back with brand new music. His first single off his upcoming album is *Got No Time*, which is available now on iTunes! JPJ's brand new album, *Until You Get There*, is produced by legendary BCCMA producer Tom McKillip, and is set for release on October 19th. Johnny will be touring the Kootenays on his small "Harvest Tour" to promote the release of his new album with October dates in Kaslo, Greenwood and Revelstoke.

Link to brand new single: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XhjmwxQU1KM>

### **HARVEST TOUR DATES:**

October 19th - Kaslo BC

October 21st - Greenwood, BC

October 29th - Revelstoke, BC

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## DAVE HARTNEY

Dave is looking forward to catching up with so many great friends at the BCCMA Awards night later this month. He's honoured to be nominated by the BCCMA for the 2016 Ray McAuley Horizon Award, and thanks friends and members for the nomination. Having returned from the CCMA's in London, Ontario, Dave is back playing shows including September 30 and October 1 at the Duke Saloon in Victoria, and very excited to release his debut single, "Party Lights" later this fall.

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

## THE DUSTY BOOTS BAND

The Dusty Boots Band returns to the Historic Dewdney Pub stage.

A fun night of classic and current Country Music,

bring your dancing boots and brush up on your 2 Steppin' Skills!

More Info at <http://www.thedustybootsband.com/>

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## ME AND MAE

We would like to send a huge thank you to the BCCMA community for getting us to the final ballot as Group/Duo of the year. Regardless of the outcome, we are grateful for your votes and consideration. Right now, we are working on new material, which we are hoping to have ready for the beginning of the new year. As stated last month, we have a bunch of stuff in the works and can't wait to announce it all in the coming month.

Upcoming shows:

November 5th - Venue Niteclub W/Rod Black and West of Memphis

November 25th - Festival of Lights (Summerland, BC)

Please contact any of our band members for advanced tickets (only \$10!) for our November 5th show. We will happily, and personally, deliver tickets to you anywhere in the lower mainland.

Website: [www.meandmae.com](http://www.meandmae.com) Facebook: [www.facebook.com/meandmaeband/](http://www.facebook.com/meandmaeband/)

### DANIELLE MARIE

I can't thank this amazing association enough for supporting me since day one. To be up for songwriter of the year as well as female vocalist amongst so many incredible people is a dream come true. I have been working so hard and will continue to do so for all of you! I can't wait to see my BCCMA family Oct 23rd.

Right now, I am keeping my head down working on my new music. I'm keeping busy, but behind the scenes. I have lots to tell and some big announcements to come down the road! :) Love you all!! XO

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

### BEN KLICK

ON September 22, Ben made his way to Ontario to perform at Canada's Walk of Fame! Ben was chosen from 350+ entrants for all genres of music that came from all across Canada to be one of the Seven – RBC 2016 Emerging Artist Project!

Ben has been nominated for the Greater Westside Board of Trade Key Business Awards – Performing Arts Award. The awards show takes place on September 29<sup>th</sup> in West Kelowna, British Columbia!

And to wrap up the year (well maybe...) – we just got word that Ben has been nominated for 8 BCCMA Awards!

FANS CHOICE AWARD

COUNTRY CLUB ACT OF THE YEAR

ALBUM / EP OF THE YEAR - "TODAY"

GAYLORD WOOD TRADITIONAL COUNTRY AWARD

MIKE NORMAN ALL STAR BAND – GUITAR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

SOCAN SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR – "BUTTERFLY TATTOO"

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

WEBSITE OF THE YEAR

### ROSEMARY SIEMENS

Rosemary Siemens has toured the world, played at New York's Carnegie Hall 4 times and was the first and only violinist ever to play at the Vatican's Sistine Chapel and St. Peters Basilica in Rome. She is releasing her debut bluegrass album out this summer, Rosemary & The Sweet Sound Revival, entitled "Plum Coulee My Home"

Rosemary Siemens, International Violin Sensation



Featured on Little Things: <http://bit.ly/StolenViolinTurnedMiracle>

Featured on New York's The Blaze:  
<http://bit.ly/1stViolinistEverToPlaySistineChapel>

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## LISA NICOLE

Lisa Nicole has just come off a four week cross Canada tour from coast to coast promoting her new EP Come Find Me. Lisa juggled 16 radio station visits, 16 publicity interviews including Global News Morning Halifax and Daytime Ottawa, and 15 shows in cities such as Ottawa, Toronto, London, Charlottetown and Halifax. To wrap the tour up Lisa is putting on a CD Release Show in her hometown of Castlegar B.C, Saturday October 1st at The Element night club.

Get Lisa's new EP on Itunes or Spotify.  
<http://smarturl.it/ComeFindMeiTunes>  
<http://smarturl.it/ComeFindMeSpotify>

Other upcoming shows:  
October 8th - Riley's Neighbourhood Pub - Kelowna, BC  
October 14th - Gabby's Cabaret - Langley, BC - Come Find Me Release Show

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## **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. **For event listings and tour dates, please only submit the upcoming month's dates.** Please email submissions to [bccma@bccountry.com](mailto: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