



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2016

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our December 2016 Newsletter.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been an amazing year with all of you! We've accomplished many things this year and the BCCMA Board are very proud of each and every one of you.

Everyone is gearing up for the holiday season....so many great events to attend, so be safe wherever you travel over the holidays. Please don't forget those less fortunate than us, if you see a food hamper box please drop something in it. Donate a child's gift to your local charity or sponsor a family. Purchase a bag of socks and hand them out to those less fortunate on the streets, a little goes a long way.

From our home to yours, we wish you all the very best this holiday season, and please be safe.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!

See you soon,

Linda Corscadden
President, BCCMA

NEWS / EVENTS

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia Country Music Association will be as follows:

DATE: Sunday, February 19th, 2017

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 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 2016; what is planned for 2017; share your thoughts and input for the upcoming year; and vote in the 2017 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 2017 and beyond.

2016/2017 SPONSORSHIP

Want to earn some easy money? Here's your chance!

To operate and serve the membership of the BC Country Music Association, we are seeking your participation for all the highly publicized and well attended events planned throughout the year.

The BCCMA Board of Directors would like to offer 10% commission on all sponsorships brought in by YOU. If you love networking and sales, this is a great opportunity for you to make some extra money.

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 Artist and provide a framework to develop Artists, Songwriters, Musicians and all other aspects of this vibrant community.

If you would like to be a part of our Sponsorship team, please contact Linda directly at linda@bccountry.com

ROCKIN' RIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL

TOBY KEITH, WILLIE NELSON, THE BAND PERRY, KACEY MUSGRAVES, BRETT KISSEL, THE WASHBOARD UNION, AND MANY MORE WILL TAKE THE STAGE AT ROCKIN' RIVER MUSIC FEST 2017.

Rockin' River Music Festival is guaranteed to be the best party of the summer with outlaw country legend Willie Nelson, 2015 Grammy Winners The Band Perry, four-time platinum artist Toby Keith, JUNO Award Winner Brett Kissel, Nashville's sharpest rebel Kacey Musgraves, and Roots Artists of the Year awards winners The Washboard Union headlining. This is a festival you won't want to miss.

Rockin' River 2017 will be returning to the Country Music Capital of Canada, Merritt B.C. August 3 – 6, 2017. Four-day early bird festival passes and camping are on sale now for a limited time. You can also purchase single day tickets.

<https://www.facebook.com/rockinrivermusicfest/> www.rockinriverfest.com

CCMA DISCOVER PROGRAM

The CCMA Discovery Program is heading into its fabulous fifth 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 9, 2017, 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!

NASHVILLE CMA FESTIVAL TOUR

Join Maritime Travel and Vancouver radio personality Joanne Sutton for the trip of a lifetime! June 7-12, 2017 • Hurry, Limited seats available, we're booking up fast!

Book NOW and get a discount on your Nashville CMA Tour hosted by Joanne Sutton. 5 nights and 6 days in the Country Music Capital with all of the hottest stars. Get \$50.00 discount when your deposit is made by December 15th.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Reserved Seating at all main stage nightly star-packed concerts • Daily concerts at daytime Riverfront
- Admission to Music City Center for Fan Fair X
- Backstage Grand Ole Opry Tour
- Nashville City Tour
- Private Welcome Reception with Joanne
- 5 Nights' Accommodation at the Gaylord Opryland Resort
- Fully escorted by Joanne Sutton
- Daily and nightly shuttles to and from CMA Fest

- Fun, laughs & memories for a lifetime!

Land only no airfare or transfers \$2499 per person double occ. Triple, Quad and Single rates available.

You can book your own flights from anywhere in Canada, Joanne will meet you at the airport when you arrive in Nashville and look after all the details from there.

Contact your local Maritime Travel counsellor for more details, or call Sue Chisholm in Surrey at **604 575-5097 direct line**

Hurry! Space is limited. • www.maritimetravel.ca

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 hosts an open jam at the Captain's Pub (33331 Harbour Ave) every Sunday 3:30 until whenever, everyone is welcome.

ARTIST NEWS

CHAD BROWNLEE

Chad Brownlee has been on a roll in 2016, celebrating numerous musical accomplishments. Recently, he was a proud recipient of two British Columbia Country Music Association (BCCMA) Awards, commending wins as Male Vocalist of the Year, and Album of the Year for "*Hearts on Fire*." Following the coveted accolades, the video for Brownlee's newest single "Somethin' We Shouldn't Do" premiered on CMT and Entertainment Tonight Canada on November 16.

In addition, Chad Brownlee's "Heart on Fire Tour" collides with Tim Hicks' "Shake These Walls Tour" in Western Canada in January 2017. The tour will kick off in BC with dates in Kelowna and Vancouver, before making their way through Fort McMurray, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton and Winnipeg. Following this, each artist will continue with independent tour dates.

TODD RICHARD

"Follow your Heart" and Celebrate a very Sasquatch New Years Eve 2016 in beautiful Harrison Hot Springs with live music by Todd Richard & his TR Band, along with special guest Damian Marshall.

*50/50 draw and special "Follow Your Heart" silent auction items benefitting Variety the Children's Charity

*Dinner by Cookies Grill

*Party Favors, Door Prizes, Champagne@Midnight w/Balloon Drop!

Tickets - \$89.50/person

Available for Purchase now at Tourism Harrison Visitor Centre or online @ <http://www.tourismharrison.com/newyarseve#/gallery/recent>

JEFF JOHNSON

Jeff Johnson and Bailey Way Entertainment are really grateful for being awarded the 2016 BCCMA award for Producer of the year. "The 40th anniversary show was unreal!!" Jeff recently returned from an East Coast, Halifax to Toronto radio tour to promote the Chris Buck Band's 3rd straight top 40 hit and climbing "Sun Sets Down". This single is their first Label supported release with Royalty Records and Sony Canada. Look for their debut album due out in March 2017. Jeff Johnson and Orbek Music have wrapped up production/mix on 3 upcoming singles for George Canyon.

Just in time for the Holidays Todd Richard and Jeff Johnson and Sheldon Zaharko have collaborated to create the Variety Children's Charity theme song "Follow Your Heart". There will be many featured performers from across Canada and the BCCMA. We are really excited to have the tune help raise funds for Variety Children's Charity. If you are a singing performing member who wishes to be apart of this recording, please email jeff@baileywayent.com.

Jeff Johnson Bailey Way Entertainment
Production
Songwriting
Band Management
604-813-9297
www.baileywayent.com

SCOTT SMITH

"Scott Smith's Adventures in Steel Guitar Part 2" Tuesday Dec 6. The Heatley (696 East Hastings, Vancouver) at 8pm

Scott Smith and his band are back at it. This month the focus is on the music of steel guitarist Ralph Mooney. Expect some Ralph Mooney/James Burton instrumentals and lots of Merle Haggard and Waylon Jennings tunes. Guest singers include Trevor Murray, Rich Hope, Ben Arsenault and many more. With Paul Pigat on guitar, Jeremy Holmes on bass, Liam MacDonald on drums and Scott Smith on pedal steel.

BEN KLICK

Ben would like to take a minute to thank everyone at the BCCMA, the artists, musicians, producers, writers, and industry professionals for making 2016 an amazing year for the band and himself! There will be new music coming in the new year, writing trips, and a brand new live show! To his family, friends, and his team, he thanks you for all the support! Ben is really looking forward to seeing everyone again soon! Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

As the snow falls and Christmas arrives, Ben Klick is co-writing for new music in 2017. Working with 7-17 Music in Nashville, TN on new singles, Ben is getting very excited to share what he's been working on! Over the December months, Ben and the band will be playing the following dates:

December 3 - [Arion Therapeutic Farm](#) Winter Fundraiser
December 5 - [Pacific Northwest Radio](#) at 9:00pm
December 8 - [The Globe](#) at Big White Ski Resort (Country Night) - Kelowna
December 12 - FACEBOOK LIVE - [Country 103, Great Lakes Country](#) Indie Highlight Contest - Manitoulin Country Fest
December 17 - [Andrew Allen's](#) "All Hearts Come Home" Christmas Concert - Vernon - Tickets at <http://www.ticket seller.ca/964>

Follow Ben on [Facebook](#) (Ben Klick's Music), [Twitter](#) (@Ben_Klick), and [Instagram](#) (@Ben_Klick), and stay up to date on the [Official Website](#) (www.benklick.com - 2016 BCCMA Website of the Year)!

[THOMAS GRECO](#)

Ben Klick will be on "The Artist Showcase Series" on Pacific Northwest Radio hosted by Thomas Greco, Monday December 5th at 9pm.

<http://pacificnorthwestradio.com/>

[TROY TOMA](#)

Troy will be performing at Surrey Central Brewing on Dec 2nd from 7-10pm.

[RON IRVING AND THE TIMEWALKERS](#)

Ron Irving & The TIMEWALKERS Christmas Concert & more at Blue Grog Studios, Fri. Dec. 2! 7pm show sold out - 9:15 show added!!! Tickets: www.bluefrogstudios.com

[CHRISTMAS SWING](#)

Christmas Swing, featuring Tianna Lefebvre-Sanyshyn, Craig McGregor and Mike Sanyshyn, are proud to share our latest video filmed at Studio Downe Under with Andrew Davies.

<https://youtu.be/8I7rH4is0Ho>

Their Christmas Swing cd is also available at the link below.

<http://shyndigmusic.com/christmasswing/>

[DANIELLE MARIE](#)

It's already December - 2016 is coming to an end and 2017 is upon us. What does a new year mean?! NEW MUSIC! Danielle is so excited to share what she has been working on with everyone come January. New pictures, new tunes, new DM!

If you are looking for some holiday music to add to your playlists then check out Danielle's version of Santa Baby and even receive a bonus track!

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

SHOWS:

Faber Drive & Friends - Sunday Dec 4 @ 8pm

HardRock Casino, Coquitlam BC

ALL AGES - proceeds going to the Stacey House

For tickets - <https://www1.ticketmaster.com/event/110051538F8A4B58...>

www.daniellemariemusic.com

LISA NICOLE

After releasing her sophomore EP *Come Find Me* this Fall, Lisa Nicole is back into the writing mode. If anyone is interested in booking co-writes you can reach her at

lisa@lisanicolemusic.com

The winner of the Come Find Me Lisa Hunt was BCCMA volunteer and member Charlene McMorris. Congrats! Charlene won a 1 night stay at the beautiful Columbia Gardens Winery, a spa day, Lisa Nicole CD's, T-Shirts, make-up, and more! Keep an eye out for contests in the future.

Upcoming show: December 2nd - Winterfest - Castlegar, B.C

Website: www.lisanicolemusic.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lisanicolemusic

Twitter/Instagram/Snapchat: [@lisanicolemusic](https://twitter.com/lisanicolemusic)

YouTube: www.youtube.com/lisanicolemusic

JESSE ALLEN HARRIS

"What are you doing New Year's Eve?" Join Jesse at the Kickin' A Saloon for a New Year's Party to ring in 2017! Lots of drink specials, a midnight countdown, and tons of dancing! RSVP your spot now (see me at the Saloon to be added)! \$10 cover

Just a reminder that his debut single, "Vegas Baby", is out and available on [iTunes](https://itunes.apple.com) and [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com). Don't forget to request it from your local radio station! Look for his new original Christmas song this December as well!

Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! And Season's Greetings!

www.jesseallenharris.com

ME AND MAE

First off, we would like to thank the BCCMA for putting on yet another great awards show. A huge congratulations to all the winners this year. BC has such a great country family. We had a blast playing at the VIP after party. Thank you for having us again.

Friday, January 20th @ 9pm, we will be playing the main stage at the Hilton for the NAMM show (National Association of Musical Merchants), which is the world's largest trade-only event for the music products industry. As an invite only event, we must have someone it there looking out for us! This will be our first

foray into the American scene and we couldn't be happier to have such an incredible spot to showcase/debut.

<https://www.namm.org/>

Last, but not least, we would like to welcome our newest members, Ashley Weir and Cameron Belter, to not only the Me and Mae family, but the huge family that is the BCCMA. We are so excited to move forward and have already started working on new material for the new year.

Upcoming show dates:

Nov 5th @ Venue Niteclub (Vancouver, BC) with Rod Black and hosted by Doc Andrews (Jrfm)

Nov 25th Summerland Festival of Light (Summerland, BC)

Dec 16th @ OK Corral (Kelowna, BC) with Rollin' Trainwreck

Jan 20th @ NAMM show (Anaheim, CA)

More dates coming soon

www.meandmae.com

www.facebook.com/meandmaeband

www.instagram.com/meandmaeband

THE COUNTY LINE

Hayden and Megan continue to put the finishing touches and team in place for their debut original EP, set to release in 2017. They have just released a video, a live cover of The Jackson 5's 'I Want You Back' performed acoustically by the duo and their band while opening for The Washboard Union earlier this year:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbJSr66_vQ8

December brings a busy month of live performance on Vancouver Island. Here are their upcoming tour dates:

December 2 - Victoria BC - The Duke Saloon

December 3 - Victoria BC - The Duke Saloon

December 10 - Parksville BC - The Rod & Gun

December 15th - Victoria BC - Acoustic Set at McRae's

December 16th - Langford BC - Darcy's Westshore

December 30th - Victoria BC - The Duke Saloon

December 31st - Victoria BC - The Duke Saloon

The duo wishes you all a wonderful holiday season and a successful, healthy and happy 2017!

ROWDY SPURS

The Rowdy Spurs are hotter than a two dollar pistol these days! They have just made the top 5 at the Rock the Mic contest at the Hard Rock Casino out of more than a hundred bands who entered. They won the qualifying and semi final rounds and are on to the finals! The first country band, in four years of running it, EVER to make the finals. They're extremely excited and proud to be performing at the Molson Canadian Theatre in the Hard Rock on Thursday December 1 at 8pm. Tickets are \$10 and table reservations are a must! Rowdy Spurs will also be rockin the Roxy again on Sunday December 11 with a very special guest! Then they're back on stage at Woody's on Thursday December 29, the last Thursday of the month as always for Country Nights. Lots of exciting news and announcements coming up in the new year, stay connected through social media to hear more!

Check us out at:

<http://www.rowdyspurs.com>

<http://www.facebook.com/rowdyspurs>

<http://www.instagram.com/rowdyspurs>

http://www.twitter.com/@rowdy_spurs

<https://youtu.be/R95rMDBeryM>

PAT CHESSELL

Pat Chessell has been busy throughout November working on recording his latest single with some of the finest roots/Canadiana musicians in Western Canada.

You can check him out this month at the following venues:

December 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 - Mahony and Sons Burrard Landing

December 7 & 14 - Mahony and Sons UBC

December 2, 3, 16 & 17, 31 (afternoon) - Dublin Crossing Vancouver

December 9 & 10 - Dublin Crossing Surrey

December 30 & 31 - The Buck and Ear, Steveston

Pat would like to wish all of his friends in the BCCMA a Merry Christmas!

PAUL SHATTO

Producer Paul Shatto is putting the final touches on an EP with Pemberton based, Dakota Pearl. The five-member Country Rock band are one of BC's fastest rising Country acts having played Pemberton Fest twice as well as Rockin' River Fest this past summer. The six-song EP will feature the band's trademark "Big Country" sound that passionately depicts the small-town life experience. Keep an ear out for their new music and an eye out for their CD release party early in the new year. www.dakotapearl.com

CHRIS BUCK BAND

Chris Buck Band had a blast on their "Sun Sets Down" tour through Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario playing shows in Fredericton, Oshawa and Barrie as well. Their current single Sun Sets Down is their 3rd straight single to chart on Canadian Country

Radio. The boys then take their show to Alberta for 3 weeks to kick off the new year in January and release of their new album set to drop in February.

BLAKE HAVARD

Blake has a new video he'd like to share with everyone. The song was mixed by Mike Fraser, mastered by Richard Dodd (Tom Petty/Dixie Chicks).
Video by Mayne Brand productions.

Blake Havard's new video for his song 'Wanted to Believe You' mixed by Mike Fraser.
Video by Mayne Brand Productions.

Here is the link! https://youtu.be/aNO8_dgVyP8

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

RAY RAMSEY

Ray Ramsey, is also known as the "Happy Booker" for the Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans Unit #284 located in beautiful Steveston. If anyone is interesting in playing this club, please contact Ray at grizzlyramsay@telus.net or 604-952-0379

KATHRYN JEAN

Campbell River songwriter Kathryn Jean has been busy these past few months recording some of her songs for her upcoming album to be released Spring of 2017. Check out one of her latest songs... "Wonderful Day" at

<http://kathrynjean.org/track/1126947/wonderful-day?autostart=true>

DUSTY BOOTS BAND

BCCMA members John Welsh, Pam Cripps, Joe Vallee and The Dusty Boots Band will be performing at BandJam2016 on December 10th along with Topaz, and 4 other band at the Abbotsford Arts Center. Tickets are almost sold out and are available at

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/band-jam-2016-tickets-28663884450>

The Dusty Boots Band has several private Christmas corporate events throughout December and wraps up the year on New Years at the Historic Dewdney Pub in Mission.

www.TheDustyBootsBand.com

www.facebook.com/thedustybootsband

SKY WYATT

Sky Wyatt crafted his Christmas release "Mistletoe" with visions of country-Motown fusion dancing in his head! The minute he and Producer John Ellis heard Tom McKillop break out the sax licks they knew the single would bring a special sparkle to any Christmas category. To Sky Wyatt it's reminiscent of a classic Saturday Night Live Christmas special - exciting and comforting all at once.

The addition of Karen Lee Batten's vocals make "Mistletoe" sexy and cute. It's "Baby It's Cold Outside" for today.

Watch the video here: Smarturl.it/MistletoeVideo

ANDREW CHRISTOPHER

Andrew Christopher is finishing off the year with a fully booked December, including 6 private Christmas parties. You can find him at his regular weekly gigs including Taphouse Tuesday in Surrey, Jolly Miller (Chilliwack) on Wednesday's with fellow BCCMA nominee Dylan Weightman on drums as well as on Thursday's at the Lakeside Beach Club in Cultus Lake.

Andrew Christopher and the Wheat Kings will be headlining the New Year's Eve party at The Coast Hotel in Chilliwack, BC. Tickets are \$85.00 which includes dinner, entertainment, champagne toast at midnight and a late night snack. Doors at 5pm, Dinner at 7pm and entertainment starting at 9pm.

For more information contact The Coast Hotel.

LAURIE THAIN

Things are rolling along nicely on Laurie's Christmas show "A Warm Winter Wish". She has now confirmed the two young singers: Lauren Clarke who is 11 and Cavell Parsons who is 8!!

This is going to be a lot of fun and Laurie is particularly excited about the talented line-up of artists who will be with them to celebrate the season. They will have real honest to goodness carollers for starters, Jim Woodyard will deliver a collection of his original songs, the children will sing and you in the audience will sing. She is very excited about her part in the show this year as she has asked her great friend Gord Maxwell along with Jim Woodyard to work with her on a couple of her songs, so Laurie will have her own TRIO!!! They will also have a chance to support Cythera Transition house with their donations, and kindness is such a gift especially at Christmas time.

Please join them on December 3rd. There will be hot chocolate and cookies for all!!

A Warm Winter Wish – Christmas 2016 at the Little Brick Church

Saturday Dec. 3, 2016 at 2pm – St. Andrews Heritage Church Hall, 22279 – 116th Ave. Maple Ridge (just off the bypass).

Laurie Thain and friends – Jim Woodward, The Charles Dickens Carollers, Gord Maxwell & Junior Singers.

Tickets - \$20 – under 16 admitted by donation to Cythera Transition House Society
Seats limited so reservations recommended, email purepacificmusic@gmail.com
Call Laurie: 604-530-6530 or Blair & Marlene: 604-466-9773

ROSEMARY AND THE SWEET SOUND REVIVAL

Rosemary Siemens is very excited to announce that Rosemary & The Sweet Sound Revival launched on iTunes and the new album "Plum Coulee, My Home" charted #11 on the SoundScan Country Music Sales Charts for Canada the first week of its release!

Rosemary & The Sweet Sound Revival
received was the Gold Medal Winner for best Bluegrass/Country Album

If you would like to buy the album on iTunes here is the link:)

<http://bit.ly/PlumCouleeMyHomeltunes>

Also very excited to announce my new music video for my Radio Single "Barefoot 'N Bling is up on YouTube!

<http://bit.ly/barefootnbling>

Rosemary just came back from Rome after performing at the Vatican at one of the biggest Sacred music festivals in the world. She was asked to write a piece for the Ambassador of Rome to the World, for his cultural and artistic contributions to Rome and globally.

Here is the link to the performance!

<http://bit.ly/courtialconcerto>

www.RosemarySiemens.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. **For event listings and tour dates, please only submit the upcoming month's dates.** Please email submissions to bccma@bcccountry.com at **any time before 6pm [PST] on the 25th of every month** to be included in the following month's e-Newsletter