



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2017

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our January 2017 Newsletter.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2017. The BCCMA Directors would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members health, happiness and much success in the coming year!

This is the time of year when most of us reflect on the last 12 months and remember all the events that happened throughout the year. If you didn't reach some of your goals, write them down and try again this year. Make this year, your year to accomplish what you set out to do. You are in control of your journey, so write your journey!

On Sunday, February 19th, we will hold our Annual General Meeting in Langley. The BCCMA is stronger than ever. We are looking to the future and what we can do to support, build and launch you, the membership, to becoming everything you were meant to be. Please make a point to attend the meeting. This is where your voice is heard and you get to vote for the Board of Directors for 2017.

Myself and the Board of Directors look forward to seeing you at the AGM and wish you all the best in 2017. Happy New Year!

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

CREATIVE BC AND BC MUSIC FUND

The Province of British Columbia and Creative BC announced the allocation of \$3.8 million from the BC Music Fund with the opening of three new funding programs on Thursday Dec. 15th

Eligible applicants for the Industry Initiatives and the Research programs include industry associations and business collaborations. Applications for these two programs will be accepted on a rolling intake until funds have been allocated.

From January through March 2017, the BC Music Fund will launch additional programs to support B.C.'s diverse music industry. The fund will support seven programs, including Sound Recording, Live Music, Industry Initiatives, Research, Careers of B.C. Artists, Music Company Development, and Innovation.

The BC Music Fund is hosting a series of public regional-outreach meetings to share information about new programs and build relationships with music industry partners throughout British Columbia. Meetings will be held in Victoria, Nanaimo, Kelowna, Prince George, Smithers, Nelson and Merritt in January and February 2017.

More information available at this link: <http://ow.ly/fIXI307jIEE>

INTERNATIONAL SONGWRITING COMPETITION

ISC is reopening submissions from Dec. 14th – Jan. 2nd. for it's annual Stocking Stuffer promotions, and the entry fee is a discounted \$25 per entry. All entries will also be automatically entered into the overall ISC 2016 competition and will be eligible for all ISC prizes, including the grand prize package worth over \$70,000. Songs can be entered online through the ISC, Sonicbids, or Accepted platforms, or through the mail. There is no limit to the number of songs you may enter.

<http://www.songwritingcompetition.com/submit>

Prizes for Stocking Stuffer

First Place - \$1000 cash USD, Pair of Adam Audio F7 Studio Monitors, 400 free spins from Radio Airplay

Second Place – Pair of UE 900 In Ear Monitors

Third Place – UE Boom 2 Bluetooth Speaker, CAD D90 Performance Microphone

All Entrants receive 100 free spins from Radio Airplay.

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.

<http://www.ccma.org/discoveryprogram.html>

OK CORRAL CABARET - KELOWNA

January Events at the Ok Corral Cabaret Kelowna - 1978 Kirschner Road, Kelowna, B.C.

Tuesday's - \$3.50 Bevies & Free Poutine!

Wednesday's - Jam Night with Wheelhouse Live

Thursday's Feature - Glo-deo Mechanical Bull Riding

7:30 PM - Line Dance Lessons

\$3.50 Jager-Bull's

Friday's Feature - 8 PM - Two Stepping Lessons

Friday, January 20th – Alan Jackson, Garth Brooks, Tim McGraw, John Fogerty – Tribute Night

ROCKIN' RIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Happy New Year from the Rockin' River family! 2017 is guaranteed to be the best year yet at Rockin' River Music Fest with Toby Keith, Willie Nelson, The Band Perry, Kacey Musgraves, Brett Kissel, The Washboard Union and many more coming to Merritt, BC. Early Bird tickets are only available until February 1st, don't miss out!

Guarantee yourself a seat for Willie Nelson & Family. Rockin' River is offering reserved seating for Sunday only for \$159. Also, to sweeten the deal, they are giving all Single Day Sunday Ticket Holders FREE parking for the day.

If you're a little short on cash, but want to purchase an Early Bird Pass or Ticket, check out Rockin' River's "EZ Payment Plan". This plan divides your total into equal monthly payments. Full 4-day passes can be as cheap as \$36.50 per month! For more info go to www.rockinriverfest.com or <https://www.facebook.com/rockinrivermusicfest/>

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 is celebrating the end of 2016 with another Top 10 track, as his current single "Somethin' We Shouldn't Do" cracked the coveted top position on BDS Country charts, making Brownlee the 2nd Top Charting Canadian on the BDS Country charts as of

December 19. Brownlee enjoyed a total of three Top 10 singles throughout 2016, including "Hearts On Fire" and "I Hate You For It," all from his album *Hearts On Fire* released earlier this year.

He will kick off 2017 by teaming up with Tim Hicks for 8 co-headlining tour dates across Western Canada, as Brownlee's "Heart on Fire Tour" collides with Hicks' "Shake These Walls Tour." The star duo will open the western run on January 6 in Kelowna, and will play dates in Vancouver, Fort McMurray, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton and Winnipeg before artists continue with independent tour dates.

ROBYN AND RYLEIGH

Robyn and Ryleigh will be ringing in 2017 as featured performers at Fraser Valley First Night Celebration at the Tradex complex in Abbotsford. The family friendly event starts at 5 pm, with R + R and band playing two shows beginning at 9 pm. The girls will also be host MC's for the event.

On Sat Jan 21st, R + R will be guest performers and panelists at a songwriter's workshop in Penticton at the Sandman Hotel. The event is being presented as part of the 2017 BC TalentQuest.

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/newyareseve#/gallery/recent>

RAQUEL COLE

Raquel Cole signed with William Morris Endeavor out of Nashville this August; and in October, she opened for Brothers Osborne in London, ON at the London Concert Theatre. She also performed at the 93.7 JRFm's Fun Day at the Langley Events Centre supporting their Basics For Babies charity. Other artists who came out to show their support included Madeline Merlo, Aaron Pritchett, Dan Davidson, and the Washboard Union.

BECCA HESS

Becca Hess has received rave reviews for her current single "Mountain Child", none she is more excited for than her 3 ACMA Award nominations. "Mountain Child" is up for Song of the Year and Video of the Year, and Becca is honoured to be up for Female Artist of the Year!

After returning from an industry week at the 2016 Whistler Film Fest, Becca is pitching new music to LA music supervisors including Sam Diaz of CBS and Tony Scudellari of Sony Music Television for placement in TV and film. Heading back into the studio in February, Becca will record a brand new full length album with award winning producers, Tom and Carly McKillip. Staying true to her classic influences and rootsy soulful sound, Becca Hess' sophomore album is sure to be one to watch for in 2017.

BEN KCLICK

"Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fantastic holiday season! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year! There will be new music and a new show in 2017! Can't wait to see you all soon!" - BK

Ben Klick is currently writing singles for releases in the new year! Teaming up with Nashville based producing duo, Clay Krasner and RyLee Madison of 7-17 Music, there are some very cool new sounds on the horizon! In between writing sessions, the band is in the rehearsal studio creating a new show for the new year. This means new music, tighter arrangements, and more energy! Keep posted to the official website (www.benklick.com) for tour date details!

January 5, 2017 - Big White Ski Resort (The Globe)

January 13, 2017 - Okanagan College presents: "North of Nashville"

MADLINE MERLO

Madeline Merlo recently partnered with Urban Barn and Covenant House for their "Blanket the Country in Warmth" campaign. She performed at the shelter singing her newly released, heartfelt rendition of "White Christmas", along with her latest single "War Paint", an impactful track meant to help lift up anyone who is struggling with something difficult.

TWIN KENNEDY

Twin Kennedy has been celebrating the holiday season all month, and performed two benefit concerts in Nashville, Tenn. On December 5th they performed at the Canadian Standoff Show at The Country, where all the proceeds benefited The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee East Wildfires Fund; and on December 15th they performed at the Bibb-White Bluff Civic Centre, where the admission was free with the donation of an unwrapped toy for the White Bluff Fire Department Troy Drive and/or a pet food donation for Last Chance Pet Rescue.

GEORGE WOLF

George Wolf and the Snowy Mountain Boys share George's original good ole country Christmas song, western swing style. We are so proud to depute its release just in time for Christmas. Thanks guys for joining us at the Hubcast Cabin. Merry Christmas!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxapWGdha34&feature=youtu.be>

DAVE HARTNEY

Runaway Lane is playing Gabby's from Dec 29-31 (including NYE). It's going to be a great time so hope to see everyone down there!!

ME AND MAE

BCCMA Modern Country Rock Band Me and Mae poised to Tackle US Market
Armed with big voices, and big opportunities, the bands "feel good feelings" will cross borders south of Canada in 2017.

Me and Mae, announce the addition of a new voice, new opportunities and a new marketplace. The line-up has changed to include powerhouse R&B/Country singer, Caitlin Canning. This just before the band heads South to perform a showcase set at the NAMM show. Additionally, Me and Mae will perform on a TV Show in LA called Real Music Live.

The search for a new vocalist brought bandleader Shawn Meehan, to Darcy D Music Group. Following several auditions, a new singer was discovered. *"Through the process we found the perfect fit",* said Meehan *"Caitlin's presence and vocal abilities have infused the band with a whole new level of excitement!"* *"We can't wait to do the next record with her"!*

Upcoming Performances & Dates:

Jan 15/17 - Gabby's w/West of Memphis

Jan 20/17 - 9:00pm. the NAMM Hilton Stage Anaheim CA

Jan 24/17 - Performance for Real Music Live at the Novo DTLA on. The show, which has featured artists such as Haley Reinhart, Hoobastank and Sting, will air in the new year.

Clyde Hill of Magnetized Management who has represents the band says that, *"This gain in massive exposure will enable Me and Mae to broaden their fan base internationally."*

Current lineup includes:

Caitlin Canning: Vocals/Acoustic Guitar - Shawn Meehan : Vocals/Lead Guitar - Ben

Parker: Banjo/Guitar - Adam Reid: Bass/Vocals

<http://www.meandmaeband.com>

<http://www.realmusiclive.com>

<https://www.namm.org/thenammshow/2017/events/me-and-mae>

<http://magnetizedmanagement.com/>

<http://www.darcydmusicgroup.com>

THE COUNTY LINE

The County Line at the "Kentucky Burning NYE" at The Duke Saloon.

Event Info Here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1137870826334170/>

Advanced Tickets Here: <https://www.ticketzone.com/event/8875/kentucky-burning-nye>

TOPAZ

Topaz is booked for New Year's Eve at Duke's Country Pub in Greendale BC. Tickets are \$49.95 per person... Amazing dinner, dancing to great classic rock music and party favors at midnight! For information about tickets or reserving a table for a large group contact Dukes at: <http://www.dukespub.ca/>
Or Scott Boyes at:
Scottboyestopaz@gmail.com

Merry Christmas to all and warm wishes for a healthy, happy 2017...
from Scott, Vikki, Johnny, Gerry and Jerry "Topaz Rock Band"
www.topazrockband.com

CHRIS BUCK BAND

The boys are excited to announce their current single "Sun Sets Down" just cracked the Top 40 on Canadian Country Radio for the 3rd straight time and closing in on their first Top 30. After a busy November playing on the east coast and in Ontario they will be back on the road once again in Alberta in January for 3 weeks. Last but not least their excited to announce they have a new song EP set to release the first week of March produced by Jeff Johnson and Jordan Oorbeek.

All the best in 2017 to the BCCMA family ♥ Let's do this!!

DUSTY BOOTS BAND

BCCMA members John Welsh, Pam Cripps, Joe Vallee and The Dusty Boots Band will be wrapping up the year on New Years at the Historic Dewdney Pub in Mission. Tickets are \$15, which includes entertainment, dancing, crazy party paraphernalia and the countdown followed by "Auld Lang Syne" done 'country style'! Bubbly will be flowing at midnight and the 'Blues Bus' will be there to provide free rides home for those that require it!

Let's all support each other and inspire more live music events and venues for 2017!

Cheers!

John

www.TheDustyBootsBand.com

www.facebook.com/thedustybootsband

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