



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2017

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our February Newsletter.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The BCCMA Board of Directors are gearing up for another year of events & showcases and we are hoping to include some workshops & seminars. Be sure to attend the AGM this coming month to hear all about our plans for 2017. This is YOUR chance to be heard, and propose any ideas you have for this coming year.

The AGM information is listed below, please show your support by attending this meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all there,

Linda Corscadden
President, BCCMA

EVENTS/NEWS

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.

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

CCMA DISCOVERY PROGRAM

The deadline for submissions for the 2017 CCMA Discovery Program has been **EXTENDED** to Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. ET. Click here to apply: www.ccma.org/cgi/page.cgi/2017_CCMA_Discovery_Program_Application.html

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

LONEWOLF

Come and party with LONEWOLF, West Coast country at its finest!

Feb. 3-4 Dartford Pub, Maple Ridge

Feb. 17-19 White Rock Legion

More dates in March!

TWIN KENNEDY

Twin Kennedy hits the road for a tour of Manitoba this March! See them in theatres across the province performing songs from their newest album *It's a Love Thing*, including their John Lennon Songwriting Contest winner for Best Country Song "Secondhand Gold"!

March 3rd - Gladstone, MB, Gladstone District Community Centre

March 4th - Portage La Prairie, MB, William Glesby Centre

March 5th - Steinbach, MB, SRSS Theatre

March 10th - Pinawa, MB, Pinawa Community Centre

Visit www.twinkennedy.com for more information and full tour schedule.

CHRIS BUCK

Chris Buck Band, Bailey Way entertainment, Royalty Records and Sakamoto Agency are excited to be putting the finishing touches on the boys brand new album set to release spring 2017. Keep up to on their brand new website at www.chrisbuckband.com

THE HEELS

2017 started off with a bang for The Heels! Awarded a Creative BC grant to record several new singles with award winning producers Carly & Darren Savard at The Armoury Studios starting this Spring! The ladies will also host a monthly Songwriter Circle at both Buddha-Full Cafes in North Vancouver -the first Sunday of every month. Pacific Northwest Radio will be on site recording each Songwriter's showcase and airing it live on their radio station the following evening. The Heels will be live at the Fox Cabaret in Vancouver February 17th. Thrilled to be releasing their first single to radio Spring 2017, with a video to follow. More information on their website, www.theheelsmusic.com

THOMAS GRECO

Hello friends my name is Thomas Greco and I'm the host of an internet radio show called the "Artist Showcase Series" on Pacific Northwest Radio. As a member of the BCCMA I quite often have member artists on the show with Ajaye Jardine, The Heels, Ben Click and Andrew Christopher being some noteworthy guests so far! On Monday February 6th at 9 pm I'll be hosting Derek Pitts so do tune in and support another fine member of our association! I do this show as a labour of love to support my fellow member artists and enjoy it immensely! So check into the station and find out when my shows air!! You can also hear past shows on the station including the artists mentioned above on our "Artist Showcase Series on demand page". Looking forward to entertaining you very soon! www.pacificnorthwestradiocom/

DANIELLE MARIE

The month of January was a very exciting time for Danielle as she released her BRAND NEW SINGLE "I Wanna Go There" to country radio across Canada. She co-wrote the tune with Patricia Conroy and Phil Barton, and had the hit maker Scott Cooke (Scotty Chops) hop on board to produce. The single broke the top 100 the first week of release!!

This month, she is back in the studio working again with Scotty on the next single which can be expected for release in spring 2017! Keep an eye on her social media for updates on what's new and for upcoming shows! :)

Danielle's website is also undergoing a complete overhaul and will be up and running with a brand new look for the month of March!

THE COUNTY LINE

A debut self titled EP, a top 12 spot in the Breakthrough Country Music Project, and a New Live Video release all amount to the fact that 2017 is off to an incredible start for The County Line!

Their debut single, 'Always Got Time', hits Canadian Country Radio on January 30th. And, after a year and a half of songwriting, recording and well, (as you all know), a lot of

hard work, Hayden and Megan are beyond excited to announce that their self titled debut EP is being released on January 31st!

Produced at Mindyourself Music, and mixed by Jordan Orebeek, this 5 song original EP captures the essence of the duo's sound. Rich with thick harmonies, blazing and melodic guitar, and with songwriting inspired by Zac Brown Band, Lady Antebellum, and Eric Church, their debut release is the ultimate showcase of the contrasting vocal styles and personalities of the duo. Hayden's grit, edge and slightly rock inspired energy and vocals being the perfect compliment to Megan's sweet yet strong personality and R&B influences.

The duo are also pleased to announce that they have been selected as one of the top 12 finalists in the Breakthrough Country Music Project, with a showcase (marking their debut Vancouver performance), at The Roxy on Sunday February 19th. They have also recently released a new live video, produced by Cambigious Productions, of their cover of Tom Cochrane's 'Life Is A Highway' — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gnd2R3zhq7U>

Be sure to follow the duo at [facebook.com/thecountylineca](https://www.facebook.com/thecountylineca) for their EP release information, or catch up with them at one of their Upcoming Tour Dates this February:

February 3 - Victoria BC @ The Duke Saloon
February 4 - Victoria BC @ The Duke Saloon
February 12 - Victoria BC @ The Duke Saloon
February 19 - Vancouver BC @ The Roxy Cabaret
February 25 - Saltspring Island BC - Moby's

AJAYE JARDINE

New Year, New Music, New Attitude.

Hey everyone! I'm very excited to share that I've been selected as a Top 12 Finalist for the Breakthrough Country Music Project and will be performing on Sunday February 5th at The Roxy with Shylo Sharity. For more information, check out the event page here: www.facebook.com/events/1316126915073983/

I have also been busy in the studio with Sheldon Zaharko finishing the next single "Chasing Red Lights". I will be traveling to Nashville at the end of February for a writing trip for my upcoming album, and have recently partnered with PocketLIVE as an Artist in Residence. Stay tuned on my social media platforms for details on when I'll be live streaming music performances, discussions on the music community, and more!

KEN MCCOY

Ken will be the featured songwriter at SongStage on Feb 14 at the ACT Arts Centre in Maple Ridge.

SongStage is a showcase for writers of original music in an unplugged performance area. The format is a featured songwriter set of approx 45-50 minutes followed by an open mic for original songs only. (No covers)

It takes place in the lobby of the ACT Theatre in Maple Ridge, BC on the second Tuesday of the month under the listing of After Hours Events in the Lobby.

www.theactmapleridge.org/lobby-nights

It's a cafe style setup with a licensed bar and snacks available and is an event intended to showcase the community of songwriters.

Presented in support of the Songwriters Association of Canada and the ACT Arts Centre Theatre. No cover and all ages welcomed.

TOMMY WEST

Tommy West is excited to announce he will be releasing his first single, titled Test of Time, to Country Radio on January 30, 2017, and Tommy West Band plans to release more singles throughout the year. Tommy is back in Studio Downe Under to record another single with Tom McKillip producing. Looking forward to a great year and wishing all the BCCMA artists and members great success!

Listen to Test of Time here www.tommywestband.com/Store

BEN KLINK

HELLO BCCMA FAM JAM! The band and I are super excited about the new show this year, as well as the new music that will be released! I have also been nominated in the first round of the 2017 JUNO Awards and am waiting on the official confirmation! Keep posted to my Facebook page for results! I'll be getting back into the studio to record two new singles in the coming months, so NEW MUSIC IS ON THE WAY! Hope all is well, and I will see you all at the AGM!"

Writing a multitude of songs over the course of the winter months, Ben Klick is picking the next two singles going out to radio this year. With recording plans for the Spring and a release for the Summer months this year, Ben is in and out of the studio laying down guitar and vocal demos of potential cuts. Having a new show including a variety of stringed instruments, both acoustic and electric performances, and new music has already captured the attention of the Calgary Stampede and the Armstrong fair for 2017.

Catch Ben and the band at these upcoming shows:

February 2nd - Big White Ski Resort - Kelowna

February 11th - Heartland SnoPitch Tournament - Kelowna

February 18th - Private Event - Kamloops

Website: www.benlick.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/benlicksmusic

Twitter: www.twitter.com/ben_klick

Instagram: www.instagram.com/ben_klick

TODD RICHARD

FOLLOW YOUR HEART released thru Royalty Records @Itunes and now available for request at Canadian radio

Variety - The Children's Charity Returns to Musical Roots With "Follow Your Heart"
Country sensations come together to record "Follow Your Heart" to fundraise for Variety BC (tune in February 12th for the telethon !!)

When country musicians Todd Richard and Jeff Johnson came into Variety BC's headquarters in July of 2016 with an idea and an acoustic performance for a new song for Variety, no one could have expected the outpouring of support and influx of talent keen to be a part of "Follow Your Heart". The song, written and composed by BCCMA musicians Todd Richard and Jeff Johnson (principal of Bailey Way Entertainment) celebrates the best of human spirit, resilience and positivity, all key components to the spirit of the Variety organization.

"We were independently moved by the work we saw Variety doing in our community, providing help and hope to kids and families facing the challenges of special needs, in all their forms," said Johnson. "Using our creativity and love of music, coupled with the strength of the Canadian country music community, we knew we were onto something with "Follow Your Heart", and are thrilled to share it with the world." All performers donated their time and talent at no charge and all proceeds raised from the song will go directly to Variety BC.

Today, the song is available thru Royalty Records at iTunes with all proceeds going directly to Variety BC to support the same kids that inspired Richard and Johnson to create the song and to galvanize the country music community to come together to perform a "We are the world" type song to raise hearts, help and hope for Variety BC families.

The performance, recorded on November 29th at the storied Armoury Studio in Kitsilano included: George Canyon, Wes Mack, Todd Richard, Becca Hess, Rick Tippe, Phil Puxley, Shylo Sharity, Gord Maxwell, Rod Black, Ty Waters, Trevor Murray,

Tianna Lefebvre, Mike Sanyshyn, Damian Marshall, Brad Darrid, Emily Chambers,
Tommy West, Emily Taylor Adams, Kirsten Bunyan
Electric Guitar- Jay Buettner, Acoustic guitar, Dobro- Jeff Johnson, Ryan Stead,
Bass- Rob Becker, Drums- Jay Benison
*Producers- Jeff Johnson, *Mixed and Engineered by: Sheldon Zaharko,
*Engineered by Jordan Oorebeek *Studio Down Under - Soren and Janice Lonqvist
*Special thank you to Diane Whitham & Sally Dubois for making project FYH possible!

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