



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2017

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our March 2017 Newsletter.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Typically, I use this space to give an encouraging word or to mention upcoming events that the BCCMA will be doing. But first, I want to express my concern to the membership about the lack of attendance at our AGM on Feb 19th. We had our annual AGM in Langley, which is a central location to about 90% of our membership. We have 405 active members and we needed 40 members to attend to make quorum.

The AGM is the place to voice concerns, bring up ideas, vote for your Board of Directors and hear what we accomplished the previous year and what is coming up for this year. We had an amazing meeting regardless of the attendance, but it sure would be nice to have more support at the AGM.

We had to delay the meeting 20 minutes as we had trouble getting quorum, and that is really upsetting. We went ahead and made a motion to change our bylaws next year to make the required number of members less than 10%. We will vote on that at next years AGM.

WHY should we have to do that? It's upsetting to me and the rest of the board and we wonder why our membership, who is so 'family strong', don't show up to support the organization that bends over backwards to do events, show cases, seminars and workshops all year long, all to benefit YOU.

This is YOUR organization, we do this for YOU. We are VOLUNTEERS who take the time out of our very busy lives, away from our families etc. to work tirelessly at all the events to promote YOU.

We do have some great things coming up in 2017:

- the BCCMA/CCMA Spotlight Performance Contest which will be open as of March 1st for submissions.
- the BCCMA has also partnered up with the Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition once again and we'll have the Buckles & Boots Saloon open for many performance spots. Submissions for that event will open March 1st and close April 1st. A separate email will be sent regarding this.
- showcase opportunities will open up at Gabby's Country Cabaret.
- seminars/workshops are in the works throughout the year.
- the 41st Annual BCCMA Awards will be Oct 22, 2017 at the Hard Rock Casino with a showcase both Friday and Saturday night and we will host another seminar on the Saturday. We are also hoping to add another fun event on the Thursday, stay tuned

Lots to look forward to! The Board of Directors are always here to help you, our doors are always open. If you have questions, etc. please feel free to email any of us. All of our emails are our first names @bcccountry.com

Linda Corscadden
President, BCCMA

NEWS / EVENTS

[2017/2018 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@bcccountry.com

CLOVERDALE RODEO SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

The BCCMA and Cloverdale Rodeo have partnered up once again for the May long weekend, May 19th – 21st, 2017!!!! The BCCMA will have the Boots & Buckle's Saloon stage for artists to perform.

If you are interested in being a part of the BCCMA Showcase Performances during the May long weekend, please submit your name and link to a music video for us to review and how many performers (musicians/singers) in your group. (albeit group duo, solo or full band).

-All submissions contacted to perform will receive weekend wristbands, parking, and honorarium.

-We will not be having the Hay Wagon Stage this year so there will be less performance spots open.

-All Artists MUST be a paid active member of the BCCMA. Please send your submissions to linda@bcccountry.com

-Application cut off is April 1st, 2017, successful applicants will be notified by email/phone call.

VOCAL WORKSHOP/MASTERCLASS WITH DARCY D

Attention singers, vocal producers, artists! the BCCMA is pleased to support vocal expert Darcy D in presenting a vocal workshop/masterclass. Learn vocal methods utilized by Juno & Grammy Award nominees and winners.

Saturday April 1/17 from 12pm – 1pm

Darcy D Music Group

33738 Essendene Ave. Abbotsford, B.C.

BCCMA Members receive a 25% discount. Use Promo Code “**BCCMA**” at registration.

Register here:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=9pohkhcab&oeidk=a07edu9f pbz2288c470>

The 2 hour interactive event is designed to educate singers in key elements of vocal concentration and will provide effective insight in all areas applicable to vocal health, maintenance and development. Darcy D Music Group is the only studio in western Canada authorized by Vocology in Practice. A global network of elite voice professionals at the forefront of vocal training for today's contemporary singer. Results are mandatory. Topics Covered include:

* Areas of Concentration (there are 3), * From exercise to song, * Live vs: Studio
* Defining Routines, * Style Development, * Formants & Harmonics, * Spectrogram Analysis, * SingPro Demonstration ...and more

For further information contact darcy@darcylive.com 604-832-2170

www.darcymusicgroup.com www.vocologyinpractice.com

OK CORRAL CABARET - KELOWNA

Twisted Tuesdays - featuring free poutine & \$3.50 well drinks & beer!

Thursday's in March - Bikini Bull Riding Returns \$1000.00 Grand Prize.

Friday, March 3rd - Breakdown Live - Tom Petty Tribute!

Friday, March 10th - 2 of the Okanagan's top country acts - Jordan Dean & Melissa Livingstone Live!

Saturday March 25th - New Country 100.7 & Ok Corral Cabaret team up for the 4th Annual Purple Day Fundraiser for Epilepsy with one of Canada's Top Country Acts TBA & sure to sell out!

GALLERY BISTRO PRESENTS SONGSTAGE – AN EVENING OF STORIES AND SONG

Thursday March 30, 2017, Doors at 6:30 for food & drinks. Music at 7:30

Tickets \$10 + GST Limited Seating

Call 604-937-0998 or Email gallerybistroportmoody@gmail.com to reserve

Gallery Bistro

2411 Clarke St, Port Moody, BC

<http://www.gallerybistroportmoody.com/>

An intimate in the round song circle hosted by Ivan Boudreau, along with two talented award worthy songwriters, Angela Harris & Chris Ronald.

Angela Harris

JUNO award nominee and Canadian Folk Music award winner Angela Harris, grew up in the rustic rural Chilcotin region of BC, Canada where she learned the value of hard work and community.

<http://www.angelaharris.net/>

Chris Ronald

Contemporary folk singer-songwriter Chris Ronald emigrated from his native England in 2002. Influenced by British and North American artists of the '70s such as Neil Young, Don McLean, and Ralph McTell, Ronald's music has been described as "Canadian folk with British roots."

<http://www.chrisronald.com/>

Ivan Boudreau

A professional musician/songwriter and wandering minstrel for over 40 years, with roots in Nova Scotia, and years in Boston, Toronto and Vancouver, with a passion for stories and songs that are honest and heartfelt.

www.ivanboudreau.com

ROCKIN RIVER MUSIC FEST

Rockin' River Music Festival is excited to announce that Aaron Pritchett, One More Girl, Crystal Shawanda, Aaron Goodvin, Waterloo Revival, Brody Siebert, and Trevor Panczak will be joining Toby Keith, Willie Nelson, The Band Perry, Kacey Musgraves, and Brett Kissell at #RockinRiver2017. More artists will be announced in the coming months. To see the full lineup check our Rockin' River's new website (<http://www.rockinriver.com/>). Four-day festival passes, single day tickets, and camping passes are now on sale!

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>

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.

George Wolf will be hosting a country All-Star jam at the White Rock Legion (2290 – 152nd St.) every Sunday 3pm – 7pm starting March 5th. Everyone is welcome.

ARTIST NEWS

TWIN KENNEDY

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

February 28th - Rolla, MO

March 3rd - Gladstone, MB

March 4th - Portage La Prairie, MB

March 5th - Steinbach, MB

March 10th - Pinawa, MB

March 12th - Oakdale, MN

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

www.facebook.com/twinkennedy

www.twitter.com/twinkennedy

www.instagram.com/twinkennedy

www.youtube.com/twinkennedy

TOMMY WEST BAND

'Test of Time' has been released to Country Radio and Tommy will spend the next month doing station tours. He is very excited to have radio play. He was in the studio a couple of weeks ago recording another song at Studio Downe Under, with producer Tom McKillip and is looking forward to releasing several more songs over the year ahead. He is also very proud to have been part of the Follow Your Heart song for Variety Children's Charity. Congratulations to everyone who was part of this amazing project! Best wishes to everyone for a great 2017!

CHRIS BUCK BAND

The boys aren't slowing down and are gearing up for a busy spring, with shows in BC and will be announcing their Ontario dates in the next few weeks. They are also excited to release a brand new album/single in April with Producer Jeff Johnson. Chris feels like it's their best work yet and is happy he got to co-write on every song on this album as well. VISIT the new website www.chrisbuckband.com

LISA NICOLE

You can now request Lisa Nicole's title track and single "Come Find Me" at Canadian Country radio. You can watch the official music video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tn5DyXuZ754> It was shot at Columbia Vineyards and Winery nestled in the mountains of the Trail, BC, near Lisa's home town.

Catch Lisa Nicole in March at the following venues:

Saturday, March 4th - The Element Nightclub - Castlegar B.C - w/ Me and Mae

Friday, March 10th - Centre 64 - Kimberley, B.C

Sunday, March 19th - Sessions - Big White Ski Resort, B.C

www.lisanicolemusic.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lisanicolemusic

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

YouTube: www.youtube.com/lisanicolemusic

BECCA HESS

After an incredible few days of recording at The Armoury Studios in Vancouver, Becca Hess's new album is bound to be her most impressive, true to self project to date. The Dream Team was led by the killer McKillip duo, Carly and Tom, pumping out dynamic new songs set for a spring release. The 10-track full length album shines with a combination of Nashville cuts, co-writes and original songs Becca is thrilled to record. Becca can't thank Creative BC enough for believing in the record and selecting her for their Sound Recording Program funding! www.beccahess.com "

BEN KLICK

“Hey! It was great to see everyone at the AGM in Vancouver! HUGE WELCOME to those new members! I’m looking forward to meeting you in the near future!” March is going to be filled with some cool shows to wrap up the winter season! Hope everyone is doing well!” - Ben Klick

Coming out of a photoshoot at the end of February with Mark Maryanovich, having two new singles picked for release in the summer, and confirmed dates down in Nashville to record the songs, Ben is excited about new releases coming in the following months!

Ben is also excited to announce that he will be opening for CMA, and ACM Award winning artist, Tanya Tucker, in Kelowna, BC, on March 23rd at the Kelowna Community Theatre! Get your tickets here: <https://selectyourtickets.com/event-pro/tanya-tucker/>

March tour dates:

March 2nd - Big White Ski Resort

March 23rd - Tanya Tucker - Kelowna Community Theatre

March 30th - Big White Ski Resort

BCCMA March Newsletter Deadline

JOHNNY P JOHNSON

Johnny P Johnson is finally officially releasing his new album “Until You Get There” produced by Tom McKillip and recorded by Soren Lonnquist at Studio Downe Under. The album will be available on iTunes March 1st.

Johnny will be having his official album showcase on April 1st at the famous Bailey Theatre in Trail BC (Home of the Smoke Eaters)! Johnny will be doing his show with a full band of great local musicians including Jason Thomas among others. Johnny’s show will be in support of the Kootenay Boundary Region Hospital & Health Foundation to raise money for the Emergency Department.

Johnny and his son Javan on fiddle and mandolin will be heading east playing in Fernie and then in Medicine Hat AB at the Medicine Hat Folk Club in Early March. Then they are back in BC, playing in Rossland at Joe Hill.

Johnny just finished an East Kootenay Tour, ending with a great concert with Columbia Valley Arts Council's Love It Live Concert Series.

Check out Johnny’s website: johnnypjohnsonmusic.com for more info.

TOPAZ

Topaz live at Dukes pub in Greendale (Chilliwack) Saturday March 11 at 8:30
Great staff great food and a ride home if ya need.

AMANDA BENTLEY

Amanda's newest music video is going to be released on March 16th as a lead up to her EP release on April 7th. The video will be available via her website:

www.amandabentleymusic.com

The video is for a cover of the classic 80's pop tune The Warrior, but she's given it a roots feel with a country twist.

DUSTY BOOTS BAND

The Dusty Boots Band returns to the Historic Dewdney Pub on Saturday March 11th, the second Saturday of each month is Country Night, so come out and support if you're in the Mission area.

The following weekend Dusty Boots hits the road, appearing March 17 & 18 at the Cariboo Hotel in Quesnel. There'll be some St. Paddy songs done 'country style'! A couple of birthday's in the band = party time!!

www.TheDustyBootsBand.com

www.facebook.com/thedustybootsband

BLAKE HAVARD

Blake Havard's new single 'Wanted to Believe You' getting play across Canada on SIRIUS XM, CBC Alternative Country, the Point FM and features on 95.5 Real Country FM, KX 96 Country FM, KICX 106 FM and more coming! Thank you!

'Wanted to Believe You' video: https://youtu.be/aNO8_dgVyP8

ROSS CAMBRIN

Ross Cambrin, Country and Folk Singer/Songwriter will be hosting the OPEN MIC NIGHT at CHARQUI GRILL, located at 1955 Cornwall in Vancouver. This venue is all ages so that is a plus!

"Sign in" begins just before 8 and performers will start at 8:30 and go to 11:30 after which the stage will be open until last call. It is recommended that performers keep their content reasonably up beat and lyrics fitting with that of an All Ages Venue. There are drums and a bass amp provided along with the usual mics and stands. Decent lighting is also provided so you will not be in the dark.

Note: They are trying to keep the volume at a listenable level so drummers should bring brushes or low volume sticks to keep management, staff and patrons happy. Ross will also be playing every Friday in March at Charqui Grill and hopes to be introducing a Stand Up Bass Player into the line up sometime within the month to "kick it up a notch". Song list is Traditional Country Music along with Folk and a few offerings outside of the genre.

SEAN HOGAN

B.C. based multiple CCMA award winning artist Sean Hogan, known mainly for his own Roots/Country sound and warm strident vocals had at least a dozen radio hits from the late 1990's through 2011 at Country radio, is announcing in March, after long reflection, he is not retiring! It'll be year 21 since his debut album came out, and he is in fact, excited to be working on album number 7, with Vancouver based producer John Ellis. The new album title to be revealed at a later date. Sources say it could be called **7 Come 11**. The new album will be yet another on Hogan's own Barnstorm label.

Though not as awarded in residential home province of B.C. Hogan was the first ever Independent Male Artist of the year with the CCMA in 1997 and had in his "HAY-day" over 18 music videos air on CMT of his self written songs, which were mainly top 20 hits. Winning Roots Artist of the Year with the CCMA in 2003, Hogan said he is encouraged by current artists like Sturgil Simpson and Chris Stapleton keeping music real and not entangled in current pop trends.

His 7th studio album to date follows the release in 2016 of his Best Of (double album set) **Noteworthy** - Volume Sun and Moon.

ROSEMARY SIEMENS

Rosemary is thrilled to announce that the album "Plum Coulee, My Home" by Rosemary & The Sweet Sound Revival was featured in the February 25th issue of Billboard Magazine as part of her Gold Medal Global Music Award for Best Country/Bluegrass Album!

Rosemary is excited to announce her "Have A Little Faith Tour", March 17 - 29 She is performing with her 6 piece band so if you like bluegrass, country, gospel, classical and inspirational story telling join her and her band on one of these Canadian shows!!! Please share and tell your friends:) Band: Phil Puxley, Sam Shoichet, Jay Leonard, Grace & Orlando Sukkau

MANITOBA

-Mar. 17 Brandon • Lady of the Lake - Tickets: 204-726 -8785

-Mar. 18 Gretna • Buhler Hall (Ray St Germain special guest)

Tickets: <http://bit.ly/RosemaryInGretna>, Call MCI: 204-327-5891, Also available at The Jasmine Tea Room & Winkler Bible Bookshop

-Mar. 19 Winnipeg • Park Theatre (Ray St Germain special guest)

Tickets: <http://bit.ly/RosemaryInWinnipeg> (204) 478-7275

SASKATCHEWAN

-Mar. 20 Saskatoon • Knox United (Eli Bennett special guest)

Tickets: <https://www.picatic.com/RosemarySiemens>

Available: Big Brothers and Big Sisters 306 244 8197 182 Wall Street

-Mar. 22 Regina • The Artful Dodger. Tickets: 306-757-9928

ALBERTA

-Mar. 23 Calgary • Ironwood (Leon Leontaridis special guest) Tickets: 403-269-5581

BRITISH COLUMBIA

-Mar. 25 Kamloops • The Stagehouse - Tickets: 250-374-5483

-Mar. 26 Penticton • Concordia Lutheran Church (Ticket by donation)

-Mar. 28 West Vancouver • House Concert (Warren Dean Flandez special guest)

Tickets: 604-925-4110

-Mar. 29 Abbotsford • Emmanuel Mennonite Church - (WDF - Warren Dean Flandez special guest)

Tickets: <http://bit.ly/RosemaryInAbbotsford>

For more info check out www.RosemarySiemens.com

THE HEELS

On March 5th, The Heels will host a songwriter's circle at Buddha-Full Cafe in North Vancouver featuring local singer/songwriters in the community. March 19th is Country Sunday at The Roxy with The Heels, Ajaye Jardine & special guests. Tickets available at theheelsmusic.com Late March Kyla Rawlins of The Heels will open her second Buddha-Full location in North Vancouver. Visit Buddha-full.com for the grand opening party details.

AJAYE JARDINE

Get Your boots on y'all! Ajaye just hopped off the Boat with Sixthman's Cayamo, and it was an incredible experience! She had the opportunity to participate in Steve Earle's Songwriting Camp, and received a lot of positive responses to the song she wrote on the boat. She also had the chance to jam a lot on board. The line up included Brandi Carlile, Kacey Musgraves, Maren Morris, Emmy Lou Harris, Jim Lauderdale, the Wainright Family, Steve Earle, Richard Thompson and so many more...Ajaye is now in Nashville spending the week writing and connecting with new friends from the boat. She'll be posting different moments on her Instagram and Facebook page :) Ajaye's blog will be updated in the next few weeks as well!

If you're in Nashville, Ajaye will be playing at the Canadian Standoff on March 6th at the Tailgate Brewery.

She's waiting on a few confirmations for shows this coming month in Vancouver, so please stay connected on her website social media pages to be in the loop!

If you would like to receive her upcoming newsletter, please send her a quick note at ajayejardine@gmail.com and visit her website at www.ajayejardine.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@bccountry.com at **any time before 6pm [PST] on the 25th of every month** to be included in the following month's e-Newsletter