



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER – MAY 2017

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our May 2017 Newsletter.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the board of Directors & Judges, I would like to congratulate the top 5 Artists, who advanced to the semi-finals in the BCCMA/CCMA Spotlight Performance Contest Provincial Segment (in no specific order)

Lisa Nicole, The Heels, Rollin' Trainwreck, Ajaye Jardine and The County Line.

This contest gets harder and harder every year with all of the amazing talent we have in B.C. All of you should be very proud of your accomplishments thus far.

The Semi-finals are being held at Gabby's Country Cabaret, Thursday, May 4th at 8pm. Doors open at 7pm. Please go cheer on your favorites and show your support!!!

A few short weeks away and we'll be boot scoot boogying at the Boots & Buckles Saloon at the Cloverdale Rodeo Show Barn (beside the Long Horn Saloon). The show schedule has been posted on our Facebook page for 4 days of great entertainment. There will be NO cover charge this year. Bring your friends and family out for a great time with awesome music, beer gardens, food vendors, rides and of course the rodeo events!

I look forward to seeing you all there,

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@bccountry.com

OK CORRAL CABARET – KELOWNA

1978 Kirschner Road
Kelowna, BC

Thursday Nights 7:30 PM - Line Dance Lessons followed up by Mechanical Bull Riding!
\$3.50 Jager / \$3.50 Beer!

Friday Nights 6-8 PM - Road to Riverfest Contest followed up by Two Stepping Lessons.

Saturdays - Our busiest night... come early! Doors @ 9 PM!

Friday May 5th - Cinco de Mayo Fiesta! Mix of Latin music with country. \$3.50 Tequila, Margarita's & Corona!

Friday May 12th - Evergreen LIVE!

Friday May 26th - Children's Miracle Network Fundraiser. Costco, New Country 100.7 and Bowie's Entertainment Present the 2nd Annual Country for a Cause featuring a LIVE acoustic set by Charlie Major followed up by LIVE local band Tiger Moon! Doors @ 6 pm / Show 7 pm!

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 – 7:30, 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

LISA NICOLE

Lisa Nicole has been on the road from Nashville to Toronto this past month. Not only did she spend her time in Nashville writing with songwriters such as Phil Barton, Brian White and Bruce Wallace, she topped her trip off with a performance at 12th and Porter with **Keith Urban**. Check out the video and story here -

<http://www.lisanicolemusic.com/2017/04/19/keith-urban-lisa-nicole-perform-us/>

Following Nashville, Lisa performed two shows at Canadian Music Week in Toronto.

Listen to Lisa's music and follow her on Spotify here -

https://play.spotify.com/artist/4gdblRZPLvVWc4KDg3jiv?play=true&utm_source=open.spotify.com&utm_medium=open

Her upcoming shows are:

May 5th - Cowboys Night Club - Calgary

May 12th - Edson Night Club - Edson

May 13th - LB's Pub - St. Albert

Buy Come Find Me EP: <http://smarturl.it/ComeFindMeiTunes>

Stream Come Find Me EP: <http://smarturl.it/ComeFindMeSpotify>

Website: www.lisanicolemusic.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lisanicolemusic

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

YouTube: www.youtube.com/lisanicolemusic

TOMMY WEST BAND

Tommy West Band is super excited preparing to release their next song in May called 'Perfect Holiday' to Canadian Country Radio. Sample available here:

www.tommywestband.com/store

'Perfect Holiday' is a fun upbeat country song sure to get you in the mood for summer. We sure are ready for summer!

The Official Lyric Video for 'Test of Time', Tommy West Band's first single release is here

<https://youtu.be/MT6URU7QjW4>

Follow Tommy here: www.facebook.com/tommywestband

BEN KLICK

"What's Going On! First, I want to send out a HUGE congratulations to the Top 10 Artists in the BCCMA/CCMA Spotlight Performance Contest, and good luck to the finalists and

the BCCMA family at the Cloverdale Rodeo this year! I will be in Nashville recording the next two singles during that time, but I will be there in spirit! Have fun!”

- Ben Klick

Recently back from his Canadian Music Week adventures, Ben is working in his home studio on acoustic guitars and vocals for the next two singles coming in June. The flights are booked, and the studio time down in Nashville is scheduled with production duo Clay Krasner and RyLee Madison of 7-17 Music.

Ben’s email newsletter, “The Klick”, is also up and running! Subscribe here:

<http://eepurl.com/btCzan>

As well as keep up to date by following Ben’s social media on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! www.benklick.com

IVAN BOUDREAU

The Gallery Bistro presents **SongStage** - a monthly songwriter series in Port Moody, BC. A small and intimate listening venue that supports the arts. The Gallery Bistro venue feels more like a house concert setting, and offers a chance to hear music the way it’s meant to be heard. They use the Nashville “in the round” format for writers to share stories and songs.

Here are the next two months’ lineup, along with host Ivan Boudreau

May 25th - Michael Jantzen / Tony Ivan O’Hara

June 29th - Bruce Coughlan / Joanne Stacey

Located in Port Moody's Old Town Centre,

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RAY RAMSAY

‘Living the Dream’ department.....Songwriter and Hall of Famer Ray Grizzly Ramsay has a NEW 2017 version of his song “Waitress (the Dream)” out, a tribute to those ‘taken for granted’ people - the servers (in conjunction with ‘Studio of the Year’ - Studio Downe Under and ‘Producer of the Year’ - John Ellis). Check it out at -

www.aladinladner.simplesite.com and click on tab #2.

Grizz is also the ‘Happy Booker’ for Club#284 (ANAF) in Steveston, where they have Open Mic Jams monthly. The next one is May 28th and they go 5:30pm – 9:30pm. Host band is Midnite Eagles. If interested send an email to: anaf284president@gmail.com or anafsteveston2@gmail.com and they’ll get you a spot, usually 2 to 3 tunes.

LONEWOLF

Lonewolf will be playing the White Rock Legion, 2290 – 152ND Street. Fri. – Mon. of the May long weekend.

George Wolf will be releasing a solo single, 'Missing You' (dedicated to his daughter Charly) to radio near the end of May.

GEOFF ROBERTSON

It's been 23 years since Geoff was on a BCCMA stage at the Cloverdale Rodeo. In 1994, he was one of the regional winners of the BCCMA Bud Country Talent Search, along side Kelly Brock & Rachael Chatoor. That talent competition changed everything for him as a new artist and gave him the drive that eventually led to radio singles, teaching the NSAI songwriter workshops and becoming a director of the very same organization that hosted this event. Returning to the BCCMA Cloverdale Rodeo Stage, this May long weekend, on Sunday night Geoff will be opening for his friend and long time supporter of up and coming artists, Ken McCoy This is going to be a very special time for him and he hopes to see you all there supporting all of this decade's newcomers. Geoff says many thanks to all of the past directors, for paving the way for so many new artists and he's excited, to say the least!!

JAY FRANCOIS

Jay has a new single coming out on May 12th. Its called "Ain't No Goodbye". He will have it up on his website on that date and links on social media platforms. It will also be available at all digital media outlets.

www.jayfrancois.com

DAVE HARTNEY

Dave's debut single, "Party Lights" is available for pre-sale right now, and goes live for download and streaming on all music services Friday May 5th. He will be going out on a Canada-wide radio tour in support of the release throughout May, beginning the same day. Dave is working with Rob Chubey for radio tracking and Samantha Pickard of Strut Entertainment for publicity.

In between the western and eastern portions of his radio tour, Dave will be back in town performing at the Cloverdale Rodeo outdoor stage on May 21st and 22nd, and playing some guitar for Chris Buck inside the Longhorn May 19th – 21st. He will also be doing acoustic shows at the Fairmont in Whistler on May 2nd and May 18th.

"Party Lights" available now: <https://itun.es/i6755yh>

PAT CHESSELL

Music fans can now check out Pat at three different regular weekly gigs: every Wednesday at Mahony and Sons UBC; every Thursday at Mahony and Sons Burrard Landing; and every Sunday night at the Taphouse in Guildford.

He will also be making an appearance on May 19th & 20th at the Dublin Crossing Vancouver.

Pat Chessell and his band will also be playing at the Cloverdale Rodeo on May 22nd. His latest single, "The Mother-in-Law" - featuring members of The Irish Rovers, the Young Wolfe Tones and Vancouver band Blackthorn - is now available on iTunes, Spotify, Google and more.

KATHRYN JEAN

Kathryn Jean is a Canadian Songwriter who sings and resides in Campbell River. She is releasing "Love Romancing You" on May 6th in time for Angela and TJ's wedding :) An easy listening Country song designed for all ages to get up and dance to. Check it out at... kathrynjean.org

<https://kathrynjean.org/track/1230867/love-romancing-you?autostart=true>

BRODIE LEE DAWSON & LUKE BLUE GUTHRIE

Two of Vancouver Island's finest musicians have paired up this year as a dynamic duo! Luke Blu Guthrie and Brodie Lee Dawson have joined forces to push some big and beautiful sounds off the stage, backing each other up on the latest stylings of their original tunes. And they are gaining momentum and turning heads!

Brodie has been touring for the past couple of years with her band She Could Be Trouble who were nominated twice for 'Group of the Year' - at the Vancouver Island Music Awards, and first round at the BCCMA's. Brodie Dawson took home 'Vocalist of the Year' at the 2014 Vancouver Island Music Awards and was nominated for Best Live Act at both 2014 and 2103 VIMA's.

Luke is a seasoned performer and well-loved on Vancouver Island and beyond. Deeply soulful, and passionately committed to creating and sharing his music, Luke Blu has devoted much of his life to his craft. He is widely respected for his versatility and skill as songwriter, vocalist and guitar player.

MAY TOUR DATES:

May 1st - Cochrane, AB @ My Greek Plate

May 2nd - Golden, BC @ Rockwater Grill&Bar

May 3rd - Revelstoke, BC @ The Last Drop

May 4th - Peachland, BC @ Beach Ave Cafe

May 5th - Keremeos, BC @ Noteworthy Muse

<http://brodiedawson.com/>

<https://youtu.be/D8zLt8BE--0>

<https://www.facebook.com/lukebluguthrie/>

<https://youtu.be/uu2muyYLIgY>

THE HEELS

The Heels will be releasing their first single to radio called "Come Around" and following it up with an EP in the months to come.

May 5th at 4:00 pm - playing live on Kelowna Now News.

May 7th at 6:00 pm - an intimate acoustic night at Buddha-Full in North Vancouver, where they all work during the day!

May 13th at 5:00 pm - headlining the sold-out Great Okanagan Beer Festival.

The Heels are then heading out to the Cloverdale Rodeo for the entire weekend singing Anthems, playing The Arena and bringing out their full band on The Main stage May 19th – May 22nd.

May 28th - playing Mundy Park at 9am for Sole Girls an organization that empowers and inspires young girls.

New pictures and full tour dates also updated on www.theheelsmusic.com

ROSEMARY SIEMENS

Rosemary & The Sweet Sound Revival is excited to announce the launch of her single Barefoot 'N Bling to US radio last week, and she just got word it is number 9 for most downloaded and streamed country tracks last week for radio adds! She also recently launched her 2nd single, "Have a Little Faith" to Canadian radio and just finished her 11 concert Western Canadian Tour called "Have A Little Faith" with her 6 piece band which included Phil Puxley on banjo!

Rosemary Siemens was performing on stage in show No. 2 of 11 at Buhler Hall in Gretna, Manitoba, when she was suddenly interrupted for a very romantic reason. Her boyfriend and best friend, world renowned saxophonist Eli Bennett, arrived to the hall to play a special saxophone solo in front of a capacity crowd, before joining Rosemary on stage and asking the woman of his dreams the most important question of her life!! Luckily, Rosemary said yes, because Eli had to run to his own show 20 minutes later. He was performing later that night in Winnipeg!

See the sweet video on Yahoo News here: <https://uk.news.yahoo.com/best-wedding-proposal-ever-142000700.html>

LAURIE THAIN

Laurie is very excited to share the news of a new song, "I'm Canadian". Herself and long time musical collaborator Gord Maxwell have just released this song on YouTube. They go by the name of Maxwell & Thain and you can find out more about them on their website www.maxwellandthain.com

This year Canada turns 150 years old and this is their *Canada 150* contribution. Laurie and Gord wanted to write and produce a song that captured the essence of what it means to be Canadian.

Please check out “I Am Canadian” on YouTube and join them in celebrating by sending this Canada-proud message to everyone you can think of on the planet. **HAPPY 150th BIRTHDAY CANADA!!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sBy1aWc2ams>

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