



## **BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2017**

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our September 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**

What a busy summer!!! Was great to see everyone at Rockin' Riverfest this year, what a party!

Summer is almost over, I can't believe it's September right around the corner! We've been busy planning for the Award Show weekend. If you haven't got your tickets yet, don't leave it too late. The floor ALWAYS sells out. Call the office at 604-533-5088.

Please see all the Award show weekend events listed below for further info.

Last week at Gabby's we held an amazing fundraiser for the BCCMA Fire Relief and it was an incredible night. Thank you, Todd Richard for taking the helm and getting the ball rolling on this. With everyone's support we raised \$13,665.00 to help those who have been evacuated/displaced from the fires in the Ashcroft area. We took a convoy on August 27th to disperse the items donated and to meet up with the folks from the Boston Trailer Park who lost everything. There were lots of tears, hugs and laughs. Thank you to everyone who was involved in making this event so successful!!!

#BCSTRONG

I'd like to remind everyone that the BCCMA 2nd ballot is open (August 28th). It's CRUCIAL that each and every one of you takes the time to submit your votes. Every vote counts, literally. This is your awards, we do this for you, so please take the time to submit your votes for your favorite artist/musician/industry member. If you don't vote, YOU DON'T HAVE A SAY in the outcome. In the 1st ballot, only 33% of our active members voted, lets get that higher!!!! Voting ends September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm!!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Linda Corscadden  
BCCMA President

### [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](mailto:linda@bcccountry.com)

## **NEWS / EVENTS**

### [41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL BCCMA AWARDS SHOW](#)

The British Columbia Country Music Association (BCCMA) will be presenting five events as part of the **2017 BCCMA Awards Show weekend** on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Awards Show Tickets ON SALE NOW by calling 604-533-5088

#### **BCCMA Awards Kick Off Party**

Thursday, October 19th, 2017 -- Time: 8:00pm

Gabby's Cabaret - Langley

Performers to be announced soon

#### **BCCMA Awards Showcase**

Friday, October 20th, 2017 -- Time: 6:00pm

Pub 405 (405 North Road, Coquitlam, beside host hotel)

Performers to be announced soon

#### **Artist Development Workshop**

Saturday, October 21st, 2017 Time: 10am - \$20 at the door

Executive Plaza Hotel (405 North Road, Coquitlam)

A power packed panel of key industry personalities to assist you in your Country Music Career

### **BCCMA Awards Pre-Party / Showcase**

Saturday, October 21st, 2017 -- Time: 6:00pm  
Pub 405 (405 North Road, Coquitlam beside host hotel)  
Performers to be announced soon

### **41st Annual BCCMA Awards Show**

Sunday, October 22nd, 2017 – Door: 5:30pm – Show 6:30pm  
Molson Canadian Theatre (formally Red Robinson Theatre)  
(2080 United Blvd, Coquitlam, B.C.)  
Each seat: \$40.00 – Hosted by Wendell Ferguson & Karen Lee Batten!  
All ages, Cash Bar  
**Performers TBD**

### **BC Country Music Association is proud to announce our Host Hotel for the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual BCCMA Award Show is:**

Executive Plaza Hotel  
405 North Road Coquitlam, BC V3K 3V9  
Toll Free: 1-888-433-3932 | Tel: 604-936-9399

All our members, sponsors and guests are being offered a special discounted rate for nights Oct 20<sup>th</sup> through October 22nd, 2017:

Deluxe Double or King \$125 (plus tax)  
Corner Club King \$140.00 (plus tax)  
One Bedroom Suite \$155.00 (plus tax)

When reserving please use this to get the discounted rate: **Booking ID 22472**

These rates are available until September 22, 2017. This hotel fills up fast, book your room now!

Email: [reservationsc@executivehotels.net](mailto:reservationsc@executivehotels.net)

Phone: 604-936-9399

Toll Free: 1-888-433-3932

### **RAY RAMSAY – CLUB 284 - STEVESTON**

Sept 8 & 9 - 7:30pm - Lone Strangers (A unique blend of Country)

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> - 1pm – 4pm. **Special Event!** – The first **Fall Brunch/Basics and Eggs AND Western Days**. Grub and Prizes. Music by Aaron “Almost Alan” Halliday at 6:30pm after the meat draw.

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 7:30pm – Midnite Eagles – “Top 40 to Back 40”

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm – **Oktoberfest!!** Music by Long Run.

## CANADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME

Mark your calendars!! There is an event coming up at the Clarke Theatre on Oct 1 in support of the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame. It will feature Aaron Pritchett, Kenny Hess, Wendell Ferguson, Becca Hess, and others. Tickets and more info announced soon.

## MYTONE RECORDS LTD

MyTone Records Ltd is pleased to announce the acquisition of Viking Shield Recording, a music studio that offers engineering and production services.

MyTone Records is a Vancouver based record label formed in 2017 by Dan Foslien, Travis Skjolde and Katt Shield. We manage all aspects of our artist's careers including songwriting, recording, engineering, production, touring, brand partnerships, merchandise, endorsements, television, and publicity. [www.MyToneRecords.com](http://www.MyToneRecords.com)

## BLACK MOUNTAIN MUSIC AND MEDIA

Black Mountain Music & Media are off to the CCMA's in September and have some busy and exciting times ahead! Thanks to Joe Wood, CEO Celena "Pinky" Simms will be hosting the Round Table on Social Media Saturday Sept 9th. Also, back by popular demand will be the "Live From The CCMA's" series! Pinky will be interviewing various artists live on Facebook. If you're interested contact Black Mountain to book. And finally, Black Mountain is hosting the "GreatSockChallenge" between Beamer Wigley & Ben Klick!! Whose taking home the trophy? Should be a lot of fun!

## CALLING ALL MUSICIANS ATTENDING THE CCMAS

DJ's Pro Musician's Jam is holding their annual event in support of Unison Benevolent Fund, at Canadian Country Music Week in Saskatoon. This is a time for professional musicians to come together, connect with old friends, meet new ones, and of course play some great music for a worthwhile cause.

Unison Benevolent Society is a non-profit, registered charity that provides counselling and emergency relief services to the Canadian music community. To find out more, please visit them at [www.unisonfund.ca](http://www.unisonfund.ca)

Hosted by Canadian Beats

Date: Thursday September 7, 2017

Time: 9pm – close

Place: Capitol Music Club, 244 - 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. North, Saskatoon

PA equipment provided, bring your own instrument

For further information – David James (drummer) – [davidjames129@hotmail.com](mailto:davidjames129@hotmail.com)

## ROCKIN' RIVER MUSIC FEST

62 sold out shows and the number one most attended music tour in 2017, multi-platinum artist, **ERIC CHURCH**, will be headlining Rockin' River Music Fest 2018. Rockin' River Music Fest takes place over the August long weekend in Merritt, B.C. August 2-5, 2018.

## 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** hosts The Classic Country Jam at the White Rock Legion (2290 – 152<sup>nd</sup> St.) every Sunday 3pm – 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Visit their FB page "Sunday Jam at the White Rock Legion" for upcoming events and special guests!

**Country Jam at Donegal's**, located at 12054 – 96<sup>th</sup> Ave. Surrey. Every Tuesday from 7:30 – 11:30. Hosted by Lisa, featuring George Wolf, Dough McFetridge and Milo Jennings.

## ARTIST NEWS

### KAREN LEE BATTEN

Karen would like to say a huge thank you to everyone. You have been the reason she gets to do what she loves everyday and for that she feels like a pretty lucky gal! She thanks you for nominating her for these 4 awards in round two, it means more to her than you could ever know! – Humanitarian Award, Entertainer of the Year, Female Vocalist of the Year, Fans Choice Award

Karen can not WAIT to co-host the 2017 BCCMA Awards along side the one and only Wendell Ferguson! She is nervous, but very excited and says "it's going to be a damn good night.. hell ya!!!! :)"

### CHRIS BUCK BAND

The Chris Buck Band is nominated for the CCMA's in Saskatoon for Video of the Year! Their top 20 hit "That's When You Know" is their 4th top 40 hit and they have just reached 1.5 million streams on their debut album with Royalty Records and Sony Canada.

The Chris Buck Band will be performing the song during the CCMA luncheon in Saskatoon! They will also be performing at Toronto's famous CNE this Sept 2 to 4 before flying to Saskatoon!

Chris personally wants to do a big shout out to everyone who attended and supported

the Fire Relief fundraiser at Gabby's. Huge congrats on over \$16,000 raised and also big thanks to all the performers who played for free for the event, very grateful ♥

### JEFF JOHNSON

Bailey Way Entertainment is proud to welcome Kristin Carter to the official Management and Production roster. We are excited to work with this amazing talent and have recently been working on her debut Ep release. She will be hitting the air in 2018!

### BEN KLICK

"First, I want to give a HUGE shout out to everyone involved with the BC Strong Fundraiser a few weeks ago! Second, to all of the second ballot nominees, it's incredible to be listed amongst so much talent in the BC Country Music Community! Can't wait to see you all in a few weeks at the BCCMA's!" - Ben Klick

Writing close to 15 songs over the last few months going towards a new EP release in the Summer of 2018, Ben and the band have had lots of fun of the "What's Going On 2017 Tour" (#WGO2017) this summer! BIG HATS, multiple instrument changes, many road kilometres, and some crazy videos are only a few of the "shenanigans" the boys have gotten up to!

September brings 5 consecutive nights at the Armstrong Fair and Exhibition (IPE), Saskatoon for the CCMA's, the Rock Creek Fall Fair, and a private event at Quails' Gate Winery. Additionally, Ben will be awarded the "Young Alumni of the Year Award" at this year's Okanagan College Alumni Awards! Make sure to keep up with Ben and the band on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! [www.benlick.com](http://www.benlick.com)

### ME AND MAE

Me and Mae have just completed production of several new songs. With mastering now completed, the band is making preparations for their next release to Canadian radio.

You can catch them live at their next show, September 23rd at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre. com

Links:

<http://www.meandmae.com>

<http://www.magnetizedmanagement.com>

<http://www.darcymusicgroup.com>

### LISA NICOLE

Lisa Nicole is really excited to announce that she will be releasing another single off her Come Find Me EP in the next couple months. Stay tuned for announcements at [@lisanicolemusic](https://www.instagram.com/lisanicolemusic) on any of my social media channels. She will be heading to the CCMA's in Saskatoon and is looking forward to catching up with the country music fam. In the meantime, there are a few new video's up on her YouTube channel [www.YouTube.com/lisanicolemusic](http://www.YouTube.com/lisanicolemusic).

“Hello BCCMA! Congrats on making the Fire Relief Fundraiser so successful! I would also love your consideration for the following BCCMA Awards in the second ballot – Female Vocalist of the Year, EP of the Year, Single of the Year, Video of the Year and Website of the Year.” Much love - Lisa

### ROSEMARY SIEMENS

After an incredible US radio tour where Rosemary & The Sweet Sound Revival drove 4000 miles from Nashville through 5 states across the US and released her single "Barefoot N Bling", which is now playing on over 70 stations across the US, she is excited to announce her marriage to world renowned Saxophonist Eli Bennett. The wedding was on August 20th in a public ceremony in her home town of Plum Coulee, Manitoba! She had a weekend event where musicians from around the world gathered for a concert on Saturday of Rosemary, Eli and Friends and then a very music filled wedding on Sunday! Check out Rosemary's Facebook for a live feed of the wedding! [www.facebook.com/rosemarysiemens](http://www.facebook.com/rosemarysiemens) [www.RosemarySiemens.com](http://www.RosemarySiemens.com)

### THE COUNTY LINE

Megan & Hayden continue to be blown away by the support of this community with the recent news of 7 second ballot nominations for the upcoming BCCMA awards. They are truly shocked and so grateful.

They have recently released the self produced and interactive lyric video for #BackyardMexico which can be found on youtube here:

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

Their summer season continues straight through to the end of September with a full touring schedule and attendance at CCMA week in Saskatoon where they hope to see many of you! Here's where the duo will be this month:

September 1 - Victoria BC - The Duke Saloon

September 2 - Victoria BC - The Duke Saloon

September 3 - Victoria BC - The Duke Saloon

September 8 - Saskatoon SK - Radisson Hotel Diamonds In The Rough Showcase  
\*acoustic

September 15 - Duncan BC - The Lion Rampant \*acoustic

September 16 - Campbell River BC - Fundraiser

September 22 - Cobble Hill BC - The Cobblestone

September 23 - Parksville BC - The Rod & Gun

September 24 - Port Alberni BC - McLean Mill \*acoustic

Listen to their latest single, Backyard Mexico, on itunes: [bit.ly/Backyard Mexico](https://bit.ly/BackyardMexico)

And Spotify here: [bit.ly/2TCL Spotify](https://bit.ly/2TCL_Spotify)

Website: [www.thecountyline.ca](http://www.thecountyline.ca)

Facebook: [facebook.com/thecountylineca](https://facebook.com/thecountylineca)

Instagram: [instagram.com/thecountyline](https://instagram.com/thecountyline)

## SKY WYATT

BCCMA artists - are you looking for songs to record? New song demos are up at [www.FastCarRecords.com](http://www.FastCarRecords.com)!

"Stripped Down" written with Jesse Tucker (Brett Eldredge) is funny and sexy.  
"Go" written with ACMA nominee Chard Morrison is uplifting and inspirational.  
"One of those days" with Shaun Verrault (Wide Mouth Mason) is highly relatable.

As always, artists with news or releases they would like to share on [www.canadiancountrynews.com](http://www.canadiancountrynews.com) send to [sky@skywyatt.com](mailto:sky@skywyatt.com).

## THE HEELS

"Come Around" The Heels brand new single is now at Canadian Country radio in partnership with RPM Promotion <http://rpmpromotion.ca/clients/>  
Listen & request The Heels on your local country music station!

The Heels new single "Come Around" is now available on iTunes & Apple Music -along with all other digital music purchasing platforms. Please download and share the brand new single!

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/album/come-around-single/id1275446189>

The Heels relaunch <http://www.theheelsmusic.com/> with a collection of new images and updates of their successful summer tour featuring a songwriting win at The Calgary Stampede, an opening show for Canadian duo Doc Walker, plus behind the scenes footage of the much anticipated video for their new single "Come Around." Stay up to date with The Heels on Wheels as they cross Canada on a radio and media tour and celebrate the release of the official "Come Around" music video, by Matt Brascia, of Brash Productions. Connect with The Heels at The Canadian Country Music Awards in Saskatchewan by following the trio on all social media platforms.

@theheelsmusic <https://www.instagram.com/theheelsmusic/>  
<https://m.facebook.com/theheelsmusic/> <https://mobile.twitter.com/theheelsmusic>

## OUTLAW POETS

The Outlaw Poets are looking forward to a busy Fall - they are continuing to write new music and explore new venues.

September 16th and 17th the Outlaw Poets will be returning to the 6th annual Chilliwack Garlic Festival. They will be playing a one hour set on the main stage both Saturday and Sunday. The Garlic Festival is a great outdoor family event and there will be music all day.

September 26th - the Outlaw Poets will be playing a private function in Chilliwack.

Check out [www.outlawpoets.com](http://www.outlawpoets.com) for news and booking info.



## NICOLE SUMERLYN

What an amazing summer 2017 Nicole has had! As festival season comes to a close, she'd like to thank everyone who had come out to watch her shows and were behind the scenes, putting on all the wonderful events. She had many amazing shows all throughout BC and up to Alberta; including first time performances at festivals like Sunfest and Calgary Stampede.

She's so excited to be sharing more music and exciting news coming up soon. She can't wait to see you all again at this year's awards show!

Confirmed September Shows:

Sept. 9th – Mill Lake

Sept. 17th – The Roxy w/ Jesse Mast

## MEGAN TWIST

Megan Twist is keeping busy with shows and writing. Her next show is September 9th at The Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Summer Fair at 1pm.

Her duo Britches & Boots has their very FIRST show at Gabby's Country cabaret on Thursday, September 28th. Make sure you come check them out! This is a show you don't want to miss.

## LLOYD TOSOFF

Lloyd has a brand new album, "Win Draw or Lose" which is an eight song collection of classic country, available at <http://lloydtosoff.com/> or to stream on Spotify. Producer John Ellis says of Tosoff, "One of the best traditional country songwriters I've ever worked with. The younger generation could really benefit from giving his work a listen. He's the real deal."

Lloyd was also a co-writer on a song which was the final runner up in the Canadian Songwriting Competition, "Living in the Past". A song composed and performed by Juno nominated jazz artist Amanda Tosoff on her "Words" CD. Listen to it at <http://amandatosoff.com/words-project>

## PAT CHESSELL

Pat has a busy September on the horizon and you can catch him weekly at his residency gigs:

Wednesday nights 8pm - Mahony and Sons UBC

Thursday nights 6pm - Mahony and Sons Burrard Landing

Sunday nights 7:30pm - The Taphouse (Guildford)

You can also catch him at the Fleetwood Fest and Surrey Fest, both on September 9, and at the West Beach Bar and Grill on September 23 in White Rock.

He is currently completing the writing of his new album and is looking forward to getting into the studio in October, hoping for a March release.

## MELISSA LIVINGSTONE

Melissa Livingstone will be performing at Ribfest in downtown Kelowna on September 17th from 2:30-3:30pm along with another exciting show at the Ok Corral Cabaret on September 22nd starting at 10pm. Info can be found on the Facebook page for Melissa Livingstone along with the Ok Corral's page.

## TWIN KENNEDY

Twin Kennedy is excited to announce **Rise & Shine: A Morning of Music with Women of Canadian Country!** The third annual Rise & Shine event is on Saturday, September 9th during Canadian Country Music Week in Saskatoon, SK.

Join Twin Kennedy along with Canadian country females Tenille Arts, Amy Nelson, Nice Horse and The Doll Sisters as well as special guest, Australian country star Kirsty Lee Akers! Presented by Country 107.3 and Radisson Hotel Saskatoon, this free morning event will feature live performances, interviews, prizes and breakfast refreshments! If you can't be there in person, stream the show live at [www.facebook.com/twinkennedy](http://www.facebook.com/twinkennedy).

Visit [www.risenshinesaskatoon.eventbrite.ca](http://www.risenshinesaskatoon.eventbrite.ca) to RSVP. Tweet your questions and comments for the artists at #RiseNShineSaskatoon.

## KATHRYN JEAN

Kathryn Jean, a Canadian Songwriter is celebrating her first CD Release of "Sharing Stories" September 23rd, 2017 at the Oyster Bay Resort, Horst Henning Hall in Campbell River, BC. Kathryn Jean has put together a collection of eleven songs covering a cross section of genres including Country songs...Sharing Stories, Hills and Red Barns, Love Romancing You, Small Town Blues, Ruby and I Can Hardly Wait. Special guests Doug Folkins, Roger Seldon and Roy Ashdown will also be performing at this once in a lifetime event. For more information please contact Kathryn Jean through her website at [kathrynjean.org](http://kathrynjean.org) or email [kjaberrations@hotmail.com](mailto:kjaberrations@hotmail.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](mailto: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

