



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2017

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our December 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

DECEMBER!!!!!! I can't believe it's here. This year has gone by so fast, it's incredible! I want to thank all of you, the Board of Directors, industry/fan/corporate members, our sponsors and volunteers for the support through the 2017 year. This association is running because of all of YOU. Our association is very strong and only getting bigger and better every year.

Many of our artists are vying for a spot to open for Brett Kissel on his tour, I'd like to thank all the artists who took part in the #KickitwithKissel contest and wish all of you the best of luck!!! We seriously have the BEST talent across Canada!

With Christmas fast approaching, I want to wish all of you the best this holiday season. Stay safe, enjoy some live music events (lots listed below) and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Before I sign off, I wanted to share this post on behalf of the board: On behalf of the board, the BCCMA feels we need to speak out about the recent developments in the entertainment industry. Just like you, we are sickened by the abuse of power and the predatory behavior of these industry veterans. Sadly, this doesn't just happen in Hollywood, New York City and Nashville.

#METOO has shown us that many members or our BCCMA family have also dealt with similar situations. We will never willingly allow this kind of behavior to happen to anyone within the BCCMA. The board of directors, wants to make it known that the BCCMA is a safe and inclusive Association and we are here to help.

The BCCMA is a family and we look out for our musical brothers and sisters. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of our directors if you need help or advice.
Till next year,

Linda Corscadden
President, BCCMA

[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

NEWS / EVENTS

[BC COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING](#)

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia Country Music Association will be as follows:

DATE: Sunday, March 18th, 2018

LOCATION: Best Western Plus – 5978 Glover Road, Langley, B.C. (meeting room 'Willow South')

MEETING: Check-in starts at 12:30 pm - Meeting starts: 1:00pm

A Quorum must be reached before the meeting can begin so please arrive in advance of 1:00pm.

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 Corscadden 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 2017; what is planned for 2018; share your thoughts and input for the upcoming year; and vote in the 2018 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 2018 and beyond.

JAMS

Patsy Thompson, Chris Rolin, Bruce Morrison & James Badger are the host band for 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 – 152nd St.) every Sunday 3pm – 7pm. Come on down and play your favorite classic tunes, excellent food provided by Mackarino's Kitchen. 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 – 96th Ave. Surrey. Every Tuesday from 7:30 – 11:30. Hosted by Lisa, featuring George Wolf, Dough McFetridge and Milo Jennings.

Anavets #305 – Chilliwack

Rob Rowan of Savage West, along with Victor Conroy are hosting C&W Cory Sisson's Jam Nights every Sunday at the Veterans Club in Chilliwack on Yale Road from 7pm-12pm. They are getting a great response from many jammers who just want to drop in and play a tune or two. If you feel up to the jam, drop in and you may see some familiar faces. You just might see Gerald Charlie strumming way some blues. No cost, just bring yourself and your instrument if you have a personal favorite, or use one of their professional instruments. They make it that easy to drop in, jam a bit and drink a few cold ones. Cya there!

ARTIST NEWS

RAY RAMSAY – CLUB 284 - STEVESTON

11900 No. 1 Road, Richmond, B.C
(604) 277-7350

Dec. 8 - 9 - Long Run (Brian Zalo)

Dec 15 - 16 - Beaten Path

Dec. 29 - 30 - Lone Strangers

HORSE OPERA

Elevator Music and Promotions presents Horse Opera CD release party for their new album "Do or Try", Friday **Dec. 1st** at The Fairview Pub 898 W. Broadway, Vancouver.

9:00 doors, 10:00 show

\$10 cover

w/special guests: Anything But and Bern Unit

[BEN KLICK](#)

"Hey! I wanted to personally thank everyone for the continuous support this year! 2 singles were released, 2 radio tours, an incredible summer season, and the 2017 BCCMA Country Club Act of the Year to top it off! There is new music, new record, new show, and a Western Canadian Summer tour in the works for 2018! Have a FANTASTIC holiday season, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and I'll see you all soon!" - Ben Klick

Ben Klick is headed to Nashville on December 9th to record two new singles, and has a pair of hometown duo appearances in the Okanagan. Keep up to date on Ben's website and social media!

Dec. 1 - West Kelowna Light Up

Dec. 9 - 16 - Nashville

Dec. 28 - Big White Ski Resort

[TOMMY WEST BAND](#)

2017 has been a great year for the Tommy West Band. It was a dream come true for them to have released their first couple songs to the Country Air Waves. First with 'Test of Time' released on January 30th and then with 'Perfect Holiday' on May 29, 2017.

"I received such a warm welcoming at the many radio stations I visited across the country. And it was exciting to have so many stations pick us up within our first year, Amazing!! I want to wish all my friends at BCCMA a great Holiday Season and wish everyone much success with their Music endeavours and projects in 2018!

At Tommy West Band, we are looking forward to releasing more songs in 2018 and also releasing our EP titled "Living for Today" this coming summer. Stay tuned for the release date." ~ Tommy

[BETH MARIE ANDERSON](#)

Beth's highly anticipated Christmas Album is here! Released digitally on Nov.24th, this album is an eclectic collection of originals including fan favourites like 'Tropical Christmas', 'Reindeer Reunion', 'Same Sky' and many more! Featuring an acoustic cover of 'O Holy Night' and a modern twist on 'The First Noel', this album is the perfect addition to your holiday playlist! Stacked with Grammy Winning musicians like Andy Leftwich (Ricky Skaggs, Point of Grace), Jeff Taylor (Time Jumpers), Vinnie Ciesielski (Aretha Franklin, Bruce Springsteen, Vince Gill), Tyler Summer (Martina McBride, Aretha Franklin) Beth is so proud of this album that she co-produced with JUNO/CCMA nominated musician Jordan Honsinger of 'Cold Creek County'.

"BCCMA Family - thank you so much for the love and acceptance over the last few years! I hope you are able to check out this album - please share if you can, I appreciate all the support!" - Beth

Beth has been busy preparing and promoting her 9 Date tour on Vancouver Island and is so excited to be seeing many of you in person! Please check out dates and details below.

Dec.1st - Parksville. Mcmillan Art Centre, 7pm. Tickets \$15

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Dec.3rd - Campbell River. Rivercity Theatre, 2:30pm. Tickets \$15

Dec.8th - Nanaimo. Harbour City Theatre, 7pm. Tickets \$15

Dec.9th - Duncan. Mercury Theatre, 7pm. Tickets \$15

Dec.10th - Courtenay. Lodge Room, Native Sons Hall, 2:30pm. \$15

Dec.15th - Victoria. Oak Bay United Church, 7pm. Tickets \$15

Dec.16th - Mill Bay. Sylvan United Church, 7pm. Tickets \$15

Dec.17th - Port Alberni. Char's Landing, 2:30pm. Tickets \$15

www.bethmarieanderson.com

AJAYE JARDINE

Ajaye is incredibly excited to announce her current Pre-order Campaign for her upcoming project (due to release Spring 2018), on Pledge Music, is currently at 83% for pre-sales!! She thanks everyone who has pre-ordered, and encourages you all to check out her campaign and reserve your copy today!

<https://www.pledgemusic.com/projects/ajajejardine>

"I'd like to wish you all a Very Happy Holidays!" ~ Ajaye

ME AND MAE

Me and Mae finishes 2017 with a bang. The band launches new single "To Hell with the Devil" to Canadian country radio Dec 4/17. The song features catchy melodies and classic Me and Mae, feel good vocals. Me and Mae welcome Jen Fritz from Fritz Media and Bill Miller from Sharp 9 Music to the marketing team. Additionally, the band has made plans for a UK tour in early 2018. Here's a look at the lyric video for the single "To Hell With the Devil" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dk1OJCHRaUc>

More online...

<http://www.meandmae.com>

<http://www.magnetizedmanagement.com>

<http://www.darcymusicgroup.com>

THE HILLSIDE OUTLAWS

The Hillside Outlaws will be opening up for Me and Mae at their upcoming show **Dec. 10th** at Gabby's Country cabaret in Langley. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door with partial proceeds going to the Ann Davis Transitional Society and Blankets B.C.

ABBY AND BEAMER

Country music's newest duo, Abby and Beamer, have hit the airwaves! With the release of their debut single 'What If They're Wrong?', and many appearances during Country Music Week in Saskatoon, this duo is out to make waves in the Canadian country music scene! The single hit radio on October 10th, as well as Apple Music, Spotify, Google Play and all other digital platforms on October 13th! For an exclusive look into the making of this duo, take a look at their YouTube intro here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSCYmLFEU9A>

Check out 'What if They're Wrong?' on the following platforms:

- Apple Music: <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/album/what-if-theyre-wrong/id1300686702?i=1300687022>

- iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/album/what-if-theyre-wrong/id1300686702?i=1300687022>

- Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/track/0nSKhWOeaA2xLI8gam51O7>

- Google Play:

https://play.google.com/store/music/album/Abby_and_Beamer_What_If_They_re_Wrong?id=Byan4r2t2ey3zszg2u4pmbobzbqq&hl=en

- YouTube: https://youtu.be/kfZ3RNUJ_s8

Abby Stewart hails from Kingston, Ontario, and Beamer Wigley from Penticton, British Columbia – these two young artists have individually been recognized as outstanding country music performers. Fate brought them together when Abby performed at Beamer's CD release party during the 2016 CCMA's in London, and they blew the audience away! The magic between the duo was obvious right from the start, and within a short time they started dating and writing songs. Since then, they have performed multiple shows together in Ontario and B.C., including opening slots for Brett Kissel and Aaron Pritchett - a lot more is yet to come!

The duo shared, "We're very excited that our song 'What If They're Wrong' has finally been released! We've been overwhelmed by the positive response so far, and can't wait to see where all this goes!"

MEGAN TWIST

Megan Twist is currently recording a single with the lovely Anthony Fiddler. The release date is tba. Upcoming shows:

Dec. 3rd - Britches & Boots at the Portside pub (Big Brothers Clothing drive)

Dec. 28th - Megan Twist Band at Donegal's

Stay tuned for more information on shows and her single on Megan's social media. Britches & Boots (Megan's duo with Britt Bonshor) also made a video and entered the #KickItWithKissel competition to open for Brett Kissel. Check out their cover of "Pick Me Up" online on Facebook or YouTube.

BRYCE ALLAN

With Bryce Allan's recently released new single "LumberJack", Bryce starts December off with a bang as he takes the stage **Dec. 1st** at the 17 Mile House Pub. Throughout the month Bryce will continue to focus on recording with plans to release another single early in the new year.

"Happy December! Keep working hard everyone and take some time to enjoy your families. Looking forward to another new year of learning, over coming obstacles, and celebrating the successes." ~ Bryce

THE HEELS

Happy Heelidays! This season The Heels are happy to be spreading Christmas cheer at a number of community and corporate events. Visit theheelsmusic.com for details. The trio are finishing up the final details of their full length album for release in Spring 2018.

"Thank you to our BCCMA family for an incredible year, we wish you all the very best this season and a happy new year!" -Kyla, Brittini, & Bobbi

AARON HALLIDAY

"I just wanted to extend a thank you to All the BCCMA members who have been so supportive over this past month. Sharyn and myself attended the Awards for the first time this year as touring has always interfered with being able to make it to the Awards."

"Following the Awards celebration and subsequent interactions with several members I had the opportunity to sit down with David Wills and Soren at Studio Downs Under for a meeting about my future as both a member of the BCCMA and as a NEW recording artist. Following that meeting I had the pleasure of connecting with Jay Buettner who will be Producing my project. In those 2 days in Vancouver I have managed to come up with a core team of amazing professionals and more importantly awesome people and will be starting to recording in January 2018. We are currently in the song choice stage and I am so excited and pleased to be a part if the BCCMA family!!!" ~ Aaron

Aaronhallidaymusic.com

PATSY THOMPSON

Dec. 1st - The Bellavita Lounge in Maple Ridge with Chris Rolin. 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Dec. 7th – hosting the open mic at the Witchcraft pub in Maple Ridge Dewdney Trunk Road - 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

Dec. 12th - Featured singer/songwriter at the Act in Maple Ridge hosted by Ivan Boudreau - 7pm.

Dec. 15th - The Bellavita Lounge in Maple Ridge with Chris Rolin 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

TWIN KENNEDY

Twin Kennedy's new holiday album A TWIN KENNEDY CHRISTMAS is now available! Destined to be a Christmas-time staple in households across the country, A TWIN KENNEDY CHRISTMAS was recorded in Nashville, TN with some of Music City's best. Twin Kennedy rounded up an all-star team for the record including the rhythm section of Grammy award-winning group The Time Jumpers. The new album mixes both holiday classics and Twin Kennedy originals including the debut single 'Cold Weather,' which is currently at Canadian country radio.

Known for their uplifting and energetic live show, the duo is hitting the road once again for their A Twin Kennedy Christmas Tour. With performances throughout the US before heading to their home province of British Columbia, the 2017 tour is one that fans will not want to miss.

Stream or download the album here: smarturl.it/atkchristmas

See tour dates and ticket info: www.twinkennedy.com/shows

www.twinkennedy.com

www.facebook.com/twinkennedy

www.twitter.com/twinkennedy

www.instagram.com/twinkennedy

www.youtube.com/twinkennedy

OUTLAW POETS

The Outlaw Poets are looking forward to a busy December.

Dec. 9th - the Outlaw Poets will be playing at a private function in Chilliwack.

Dec. 16th - the Outlaw Poets will be playing at a Cancer fundraiser at the Evergreen Hall in Chilliwack in honor of our friend Richard Feigl, who is in the fight of his life and we are here to help him in that fight. There will be a night of food, games, music and stories to show our support.

Check out www.outlawpoets.com for news and booking info.

DUSTY BOOTS BAND

Join the Dusty Boots Band for a Country New Years 2018 at The Bennett Craft & Kitchen. Tickets are a great deal at \$20 per person available at the Pub, Pre-Sales are happening now. Located at 187 176 St, Surrey, BC (2nd Ave and 176th Street). Dinner not included but a full menu will be available. Party Favors, Noise Makers and Hors d'oeuvres included. The Dusty Boots Band plays old and new Country Covers and some Classic Rock - a 7 piece full band with fiddle!! "See ya'all on New Years Eve!!"

NEW YEARS POSTER LINK: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/lelheao5iv80x7a/2017-2018%20New%20Years%20Poster.pdf?dl=0>

FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE: <https://www.facebook.com/events/511780945849998/>

SKY WYATT

Sky is hosting a Christmas Charity Variety Show! It's a family friendly night of Christmas music and comedy.

Dec. 21, 2017 - Doors at 6:30, Show at 7:00pm,
Capilano University Blueshore Theatre
2055 Purcell Way, North Vancouver

100% net Proceeds to Blanket BC Society and we are collecting blankets for the homeless. Bring your extra blankets!

Featuring:

Geoff Gibbons
Taylor James
Chris Ronald
Angela Harris
Sky Wyatt
Craig Northey (The Odds)
Bev Elliot (Once Upon a Time TV Series)
Angela Kelman (Farmer's Daughter)

John Ellis' All-Star Band:

Jim Kwan
Eric Reed
Kirby Barber
Mathew Atkins

Christmas Comedy:

Darien Edgeler and Cydney Pedersen

Christmas Dancers:

Hourglass Cabaret

Tickets and more info at SKYSDREAM.CA

LAURIE THAIN

Maxwell & Thain release three original songs for Christmas. From this trio of Christmas songs is Gord Maxwell's solo version of "At Christmas We Sing". Gord co-wrote and sang on the original One Horse Blue version of this song. Next is "All I Want for Christmas is You", written and recorded by Laurie Thain. "Christmas Wishes", is a surprise duet written by Maxwell & Thain, but sung by Gord Maxwell and country legend Debbie Lori Kaye. Debbie was a regular on the Tommy Hunter Show and this song will bring back sweet memories for Christmas. Check www.maxwellandthain.com after Dec. 15th for details.

[JOYCE GRENNAN](#)

Joyce Grennan's Christmas song "Merry Christmas LOL" is available for download and streaming. Plus CD's of Joyce's new material and earlier years are for purchase on her website www.joycegrennan.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