



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER – MAY 2019

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our May 2019 Newsletter.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to welcome our new board members- Patrick Masse, April Reign, Jeff Caines, and Javan Johnson. Each brings a unique skill set along with fresh ideas and energy, all of which will go a long way towards the collective ambitions we have towards rejuvenating the BCCMA mandate.

I recently woke up finding myself leading the organization that I've been involved with in many ways over the years. One that has a storied past, but that is also in need of adapting to meet the current and future needs of our members. The industry has been changing rapidly, affecting the way we all do our business. It's certainly not your dad's music business any more. The one constant- regardless of the times- is people. Our past successes have been measured in building relationships, and we can't lose sight of that.

It's not enough to expect people to gravitate to us just because we have 'country' in our title. We need to listen to how our fellow artists feel; the musicians, media, sponsors, support people, and of course the fans. Though we have a geographical challenge, we need to strive to further include other parts of the province. We have youthful emerging artists wanting to be noticed, and the old guard needing to be acknowledged. We have our Valley crowd and our City crowd, and need to maintain a balance between all.

We also have an obligation to act in getting our talent and events known further afield, and to acknowledge our artists that are making strides in different areas of the industry. In short, there is a LOT of work to do. But I have confidence that the fire this new board

shows will manifest itself in the person of a revamped, user friendly and interactive music community you will want to be part of.

Please feel welcome to get in contact for discussing issues, new ideas, and any information of interest to all BCCMA members. The doors are now open and the show is about to begin!

David Wills
President, BCCMA

[2019/2020 SPONSORSHIP](#)

The BCCMA is looking for Sponsors for our 2019 year. If you would be interested in sponsoring this year, please contact linda@bccountry.com for your package.

To operate and serve the membership of the BC Country Music Association, we are also 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 **20% 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.

NEWS / EVENTS

[BCCMA AWARDS SHOW RULES CHANGES](#)

Over the course of a few months, the board, along with other industry professionals, got together to work on updating our award show rules, eligibility and award categories to reflect the ever changing industry.

Some of the rules/eligibility may apply to YOU (especially those artists working/traveling in Nashville) Please take the time to review them.

Follow the link below to review the rules.

http://www.bccountry.com/AwardsShowRules08.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1zkSOJ1RfUrfX_Qug-As2Fa3nfnmHqoA1Q2-lK78hOJZJAvA9M88sZsjk

[BOOTS AND BUCKLES SALOON – CLOVERDALE RODEO](#)

Thank you to the Cloverdale Rodeo and Gabby's Country Cabaret for hosting our events this May long weekend !!!

Our Kickoff party starts at Gabby's on Thursday, **May 16th** (link to event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/594048307741250/>) followed by 4 days of fun & music at the Cloverdale Rodeo grounds in the Boots & Buckles Saloon (Showbarn, located beside the Longhorn Saloon). Check the BCCMA Facebook page for a list of artists performing each night.

Special thanks to Verdon Jotie and That Awesome DJ Guy for coming on board to help spin some tunes, as well as Save-On-Foods in Cloverdale for helping out with greenroom goodies !!!

[MUSICFEST MS](#)

Ben Klick has organized and is hosting this first annual benefit concert on **May 5th**, 2019 at the Kelowna Community Theatre in support of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) called "Music Fest MS - Presented by: BMO Bank of Montreal". Also performing is Juno and Canadian Country Music Award winner, Jess Moskaluke. All proceeds from ticket sales, silent auction, 50/50, and donations made on the day of the show will be given directly back to the MS Society of Canada.

The goal is to raise \$50,000. With this, Ben would like to ask for your help in spreading the word either online, in print, through social media, or by spreading the word through your own networks (Or a mix of those things).

Multiple sponsors have come on board to support Ben's goal. The presenting sponsor BMO Bank of Montreal, along with DKL Financial Services Inc., Sun Life Financial, New Country 100.7, Harmony Honda, Ex Nihilo Vineyards, Delta Grand Resort and Hotel, Wentworth Music, Manchester SPG, BNA Brewing Co., and more.

Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/327333574570249/>

Tickets are \$50 and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://www.kelownatickets.com/events/event/MusicFestMS>

There are also a limited number of VIP tickets for \$100. These will include an exclusive performance at the BNA Brewing in Kelowna with Jess Moskaluke, VIP seating at the Kelowna Community Theatre and a first shot at the silent auction. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Any inquiries at all leading into the event or about this release, please don't hesitate to reach out and contact Ben. His email and phone number are below.

Ben appreciates your time, help, consideration, and support with this initiative.

Email: info@klickentertainment.com Phone: (250) 870-3201

THE YALE SALOON

Live Music Thursday

LIVE MUSIC at THE YALE SALOON!

Ride the bull, indulge in BBQ food learn to line dance and listen to The Millennials play live until late every Thursday!

Join us for Happy Hour between 4 - 7pm before our country band kicks off around 8:30pm! We will be giving away tickets to the Thomas Rhett and Carrie Underwood shows in Vancouver this month - ask our servers in-venue to find out more!

No cover, just great food and music!

Thomas Rhett Unofficial Afterparty - May 15th

Scoring his first No.1 hit in 2013 with "It Goes Like This," Thomas Rhett introduced a mixed sound with the southern swagger of county music with pop hooks, R&B grooves, soulful strut, and the anything-goes attitude of rock.

We'll be rocking through the night after the big show with a DJ set playing all of your country favourites! Why not pop by before the event to try out our famous BBQ food menu? Take advantage of our Happy Hour between 4 and 7pm where you can get into dancing spirit in the run up to the show.

Join our Live Music Thursdays in the weeks running up to May 15th to be entered into our contest where we will be giving away tickets to the event to 2 lucky winners!

Carrie Underwood Unofficial Afterparty - May 25th

Carrie Underwood emerged from the promise of her 2005 American Idol win to become a true multi-format, multi-media superstar, spanning achievements in music, television, and film. A seven-time GRAMMY Award winner, she has sold 64 million records worldwide and recorded 26 #1 singles, 13 of which she co-wrote.

Join us at The Yale Saloon for the unofficial afterparty to continue the party after the singer's performance in Vancouver. We'll be playing her most recognizable songs a long with many other familiar country songs - we just ask that you sing along if you know the words!

Join our Live Music Thursdays in the weeks running up to **May 25th** to be entered into our contest where we will be giving away tickets to the event to 2 lucky winners!

[THE SONGS THAT WROTE COUNTRY MUSIC](#)

BCCMA award-winning members Kenny Hess, Tom McKillip, Mike Sanyshyn and John Ellis have collaborated on a brand new show called "The Songs That Wrote Country Music", that they are touring across BC and Alberta this summer. The show pays tribute to a group of truly incredible songwriters, and how their songs helped make artists like Merle Haggard, George Jones and Johnny Cash the legends they are today.

"The Songs That Wrote Country Music" has announced several BC theatre dates including Maple Ridge, Mission, Merritt, Kamloops, 100 Mile House, Quesnel, Williams Lake, Smithers, Prince Rupert, Revelstoke, Fernie and more. There is also a string of bookings throughout Alberta starting in Banff, and running up through Edmonton, Bonnyville, Spruce Grove, Fort McMurray, and to infinity and beyond.

Kenny and the band recently showcased the live show in Phoenix, Arizona to a very receptive crowd of industry buyers, and next spring will be taking "The Songs That Wrote Country Music" on a southern US tour.

If you get a chance, check out this show - you won't be disappointed!

Check out highlights of the show online @ kennyhess.com

[MYTONE RECORDS](#)

MyTone has had an exciting few months preparing for a busy summer ahead. They are pleased to announce that they have recently received two grants. One from Amplify that has been put to use to start the recording of the Rollin' Trainwreck's next EP to be released later this year. As well as a grant from Factor for April Reign that will be used to promote her first single "Falling off the Earth" being released on May 21, 2019. Stay tuned for more exciting news to come!

[TRISHA RICHARDSON ENTERTAINMENT](#)

In addition to lyric writing, Trisha has started her own booking/management/artist development company called Trisha Richardson Entertainment, or TRE. She'll be looking for cool opportunities for you artists, as well as logo design and EPKs.

****Cruise Lines Opportunity****

- 5-piece acts with strong female and male singer.
- Contracts are 4-6 months
- Pay approx. \$3,000 (USD) per band member per month.
- Need a strong EPK and lots of quality live footage.
- Late summer/fall to start contract.
- The ships alternate between Europe and Caribbean and (possibly) US/Hawaii
- All band members need valid passports.

For more info, or to apply, email Trisha: trisharichardsonent@gmail.com

TOM PAILLE

As a recently signed-up member, I would like to extend my thanks to the many individuals that have welcomed me into the 'family' and just take a quick moment to introduce myself. To those of you who don't know me yet, my name is Tom Paille and I am a local concert and event photographer with a huge love for country music. One of my passions is to use my skills to help promote artists through images from live performances or portraiture shoots, video services, streaming broadcasts, etc. Great to be onboard and I'm looking forward to a busy BCCMA year!

~ Tom Paille

If you might be interested, please feel free to contact Tom to discuss your projects and photo and promo needs. For a few examples of his work, please use the following links:

<https://www.instagram.com/tompaille/>

<https://tomaz63.wixsite.com/tompaillephotography/concerts>

<https://paillephoto.smugmug.com/Portraits/n-hMxfzD/Ajaye/>

As an introductory offer, for first-time bookings, Tom will reduce his session fee by 50%.

JAMS

Patsy Thompson, Chris Rolin, Pam Dominelli & Darrel Lord are the host band for an open jam in Maple Ridge every Sunday 3pm – 7pm at the Army and Navy Vets Club in Maple Ridge (122326 North Ave). Everyone is welcome.

Cloverdale Legion Jam

17567 - 57th Avenue, Cloverdale. Lounge phone - 604-574-4828

May 12th and May 26th – 4pm – 7pm

All players and vocalists welcome - minors accompanied by adults as well and the kitchen is open. The Sweet Max and guest performers providing the backline. Great fun for everyone.

Merv Tremblay hosts an open jam at the Captain's Pub (33331 Harbour Ave) every Sunday 3:30 – 7:30, everyone is welcome.

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.

Ladner Legion

4896 Delta St, Delta, BC

May 19th - Open Mic Jam - The Ladner Jammers - 5:30pm - 9:30pm

If you're interested in playing, call Ryan 604-809-4950

ARTIST NEWS

CHRIS BUCK BAND

Chris Buck Band heads to the east coast this May, to be among those representing Western Canada & BreakOut West at The 31st annual celebration of the East Coast Music Awards: Festival and Conference taking place from May 1-5, 2019 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Catch the band on Friday **May 3rd** - 12:00PM at Charlottetown Beer Garden & Seafood Patio - Country Stage Presented By Cavendish Farms & Saturday **May 4th** at 4:30PM at The Export Buyers Show at Delta Hotels by Marriott Prince Edward

For more info on upcoming shows: <https://www.bandsintown.com/a/4202997>

BEN KLICK

"Hey! Welcome to the "almost mid-way point" of 2019! Hope it's been a great year so far! I've organized an event in Kelowna called "Music Fest MS" happening on **May 5th** with all proceeds from tickets, Silent Auction, raffles, and any donations made on the day of show going directly back towards MS. If you would like to come to the show, the ticket link is below. And if you can't but would still like to help or donate, follow the other link below. Any donation over \$25 receives a tax receipt via email. Hope to see you at the show, have fun at the Cloverdale Rodeo, and I'll see you all soon!" - Ben Klick

Tickets

Link: https://www.kelownatickets.com/events/event/MusicFestMS?fbclid=IwAR02BtlyVtvt7S_81yVqBVLObxikInPLLHnYXK8Om1PWUBe4R2-W3YvX1OY

Donation

Link: http://mssoc.convio.net/site/TR/IChallengeMS/NationalOffice?px=3002334&pg=personal&fr_id=6711

E: ben.klick@live.ca

W: www.benlick.com

W: www.klickentertainment.com

TODD RICHARD

The TR camp was excited to release Todd's third album aptly titled "Live Your Life", with a very successful release party at Chilliwack's Corky's Irish Pub on April 06th. It was standing room only as Todd and his award winning, TR Band debuted and performed the new tracks.

A huge thank you to "frands" Trevor Murray, co-writers Doug Folkins & producer Anthony Fiddler *Fiddler Productions, emcee & award winning, On Air Personality Curtis Pope. Also thank you to everyone for their continued support and to those who joined us in making it such a special night!

As the result of sponsorship & support from The Town Butcher store in Vedder Crossing in Chilliwack, Todd is now preparing to promote the single by traveling across the country and thanking the stations that have supported him this last decade.

"The chorus for Live Your Life has been in my head for 20 years and I now know I'm right where I'm supposed to be. I look forward to meeting my radio friends, on my cross Canada "Live your Life Radio Tour". It's gonna be a blast!" ~ Todd Richard

Todd has released the title track "Live Your Life" to radio. It is now available for request across Canada. Add the Live Your Life Album to your library or playlists today!

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/album/live-your-life/1455563676>

EVENTS:

May 04th – "May the Fourth Be With You" BRBQ & Fundraiser - Burgers, Silent Auction & a special acoustic performance of the new "Live Your Life" album. All happening at The Town Butcher, #301- 5580 Vedder Road, in Chilliwack.

May 12th – May 20th - "Live Your Life - Cross Canada Radio Tour" - Vancouver to Toronto - Toronto to Winnipeg - Winnipeg to Saskatchewan - Saskatchewan to Calgary, & Calgary to Home.

THE HEELS

The Heels are starting the month off on a writing trip in Nashville with showcases, including their debut performance, at The Bluebird cafe! They will be opening for CCMA Spotlight winner Cory Gallant at Corky's Irish pub in Chilliwack on **May 11th** and invite you to come out and join this fun event.

The Heels are creating a writers' round to feature local BCCMA artists and will be kicking the series off at Buddha-Full Northwoods on **May 15th**! This event will be #womencrushwednesday themed featuring The Heels, Ajaye Jardine and Justine Lynn

and partial proceeds will benefit the BCCMA.

Don't miss The Heels at The Cloverdale Rodeo during May long weekend. The girls will be performing new songs at the Boots and Buckles Saloon on **May 19th**. After a successful release of their west coast tribute "Holy Coast" to country radio in April, The Heels have a follow up single to celebrate mother's this month. "Dear Mama" is a sweet song inspired by mother and daughter dynamics through generations of love, support and rough roads. Written in Nashville TN with Steve Mitchell.

Live shows:

May 4th - The Bluebird Cafe, Nashville TN

May 7th - Jammin' in Jammie's, Nashville TN

May 11th - Corkys Irish Pub, Chilliwack BC

May 15th - #WCW Writers Round @ Buddha-Full Northwoods, North Vancouver BC

May 19th - 7pm Boots and Buckles Saloon @ Cloverdale Rodeo, Cloverdale BC

[TOMMY WEST BAND](#)

Just released to Country Radio Canada and USA, "Cowboy in Cuba" has hit #5 Top Downloads with Yangaroo. Tommy is very thankful to Country Radio for their support! Request at your local radio station.

www.TommyWestBand.com

www.facebook.com/TommyWestBand

[MATLEN STARSLEY BAND](#)

The Matlen Starsley Band is a new musical project featuring former and current members of the Bryan Adams Band, The Ray Roper Project, Touchdown, Straight Shooter and Fandango. These veteran rockers are set to release their first Album "Rollin Again" in the summer of 2019. Their music is an eclectic mix of country, blues, southern rock and roots music.

The Matlen Starsley Band's new single "I Cried Today" from their upcoming album 'Rollin Again' is scheduled for release May 2nd.

You can catch Matlen Starsley at the Roxy Vancouver **May 5th**

matlenstarsley.com

CHELSEA CHARLTON

Chelsea's EP is out and the current single "Sunburn" is heating up with airplay Coast to Coast on Canadian Radio, and available on all digital platforms. Charlton had a minor setback with a bout of pneumonia that held on, but is now recovering and excited to be performing with her band 'The Charlatans' at the Cloverdale Rodeo May long weekend.

www.chelseacharlton.com/

www.facebook.com/ChelseaCharltonMusic/

www.instagram@chelscharlton

RAY RAMSAY/LADNER LEGION (RCL61)

4896 Delta St, Delta, BC

Friday nights – 8:30pm – 12:30am. Saturday nights - 7:30pm – 11:30pm

May 3rd & May 4th - Cheek to Cheek

May 4th – (Cinco Saturday) - Meat Draw at 5pm. Special guest Jose from A&E's The Liquidators. Calling numbers and making announcements.

May 10th & 11th – Nasty Habits

May 17th & 18th – Midnite Eagles

May 31st & June 1st – Alley Cats

ROSEMARY SIEMENS

Violinist and vocalist Rosemary Siemens recently returned from Nashville where she had the incredible honor of performing for the Inspirational Country Music Awards at the iconic Grand Ole Opry! In addition to closing the awards show with her rendition of the classic song "Jesus Loves Me" to a standing ovation, she was also nominated for three awards including "Inspirational Bluegrass Artist of the Year", "Musician of the Year" and "Video of the Year"!

You can watch Rosemary's performance at the Grand Ole Opry below:

<https://youtu.be/PvB0qBgKiCo>

Rosemary also recently released her second music video in her "Gospel YouTube Series" featuring the classic hymn "In The Garden".

<https://youtu.be/F9C43JA0uls>

OUTLAW AND LACE

Outlaws & Lace is honored to be returning to this year's Cloverdale Rodeo on the Boots & Buckles Saloon stage on Sunday, **May 19th** at 9pm. They have a solid hour of music planned so you don't have to leave the dance floor! They are super excited to return to the Cloverdale Rodeo and can't wait to bring you an energetic set of cover tunes and original music.

[JUSTINE LYNN](#)

Justine Lynn is very excited that her self titled EP is available everywhere April 26/2019. With the success of her debut single "Back to the Highway" which was released just a few weeks ago and pushed to Canadian Country Radio, she cannot wait to hear what everyone thinks of the new music! A shout out to Doug Folkins and Anthony Fiddler who are co-writers on the project and Fiddler Productions who produced the EP.

www.justinelynn.com

[TRISHA RICHARDSON ENTERTAINMENT](#)

CCMA Spotlight Contest winner Cory Gallant has a few BC shows which include guest performances by BCCMA artists.

May 7th at the Railway Stage in Vancouver with special guest **Taylor-Rae and the Backseat Drivers**

May 9th at The Blue Grotto in Kamloops with special guest **Hillside Outlaws**

May 10th at the OK Corral in Kelowna with special guest **Hillside Outlaws**

May 11th at Corky's Pub in Chilliwack with special guest **The Heels**

[APRIL REIGN](#)

April has been busy re-branding and launching her live videos and acoustic demos online. This is all in anticipation of the long-awaited release of her first single "Falling off the Earth" on **May 21st**, 2019. Following the release, she will embark on a western Canada radio tour. Be sure to listen online through all the major streaming and downloading services and don't forget to request it at your local radio stations. May and June will also see her return to studio to finish up recording her six song EP. Come see her perform some of the tracks at the Boots and Buckles stage on Friday **May 19th** at 9pm!

[ROLLIN' TRAINWRECK](#)

The Rollin' Trainwreck is back at it! Working with MyTone Records and Bailey Way Entertainment. They have been hard at work in the studio on their new album, expected to be rolling out this summer. This album is bursting with diversity, with intimate stories, and heartfelt ballads, to the foot stomping party anthems that gave them their name. Make sure to follow [@mytonerecords](#) and [@rollintrainwreck](#) on all social media platforms as you won't want to miss this release!

[THE PROMISED](#)

The Promised and MyTone Records are excited to announce that The Promised is the winner of the 2019 Breakthrough Country Music Project!! They would like to extend a big thank you out to the BCCMA, and all the sponsors. They will be hitting the studio in June, recording their first official single, to be released this summer. You can catch The Promised around town this month on the outdoor stage at The Cloverdale Rodeo, **May**

18th and **May 19th**, followed by two acoustic showcases at Big Rock Brewery on **May 25th** and Red Truck Brewery on **May 31st**.

Make sure to follow The Promised and MyTone Records on all social media platforms to stay updated on what's coming next...

[KYLE HENSBY/ROWDY SPURS](#)

Kyle has been putting in the time; writing, recording, and working on the release of his first debut single this Summer. It's gonna be a Rowdy one!

Rowdy Spurs gigs this month:

May 10th - Haney Pub (Maple Ridge)

May 11th - Legion Br 133 (Port Coquitlam)

May 17th - Molson Lounge in Elements Casino - Acoustic (Cloverdale)

May 31st - Crowsnest Vineyards (Cawston)

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.