



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - January 2014

Hello Everyone,

Thanks so much for your patience in receiving the January issue of the eNewsletter.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you all had a great Holiday Season!

We've been very busy the last few months here at the BCCMA and I'd like to give you an update.

The 2013 Jiffy-Lube FanFest Performance Contest was a huge success and we thank Alanna and Brianne, Brad Darrid, Chris Buck, Cynthia Leigh-Anne, Lisa Nicole, Robin and Riley Gillespie and Whiskey Jane for their participation. It was neck and neck for Chris and Whiskey Jane for the final hours. Thanks to all the fans and members for participating.

Country In The City at the Shark Club downtown was a great trio of evenings featuring BCCMA artists A.J. Woodworth, Todd Richard, Kylee Epp, Cory Hawthorne, Me & Mae, Brad Darrid, Robyn and Ryleigh, and some awesome players backing them up, Smith & Jones and GB Roots. Many thanks to Rock.it Boy Entertainment for the opportunity to showcase BC Talent.

There's talk of a possible continuation of these shows in different formats. We'll let you know as things progress. Big thanks to Geoff Dueck for organizing these shows.

We've had one country evening at the Sunday Music Revue at the Columbia Theater in New West where Alanna and Brianne opened with a stellar set of

originals and covers. Brent Lee finished the evening off with Doug McFetridge on guitar, Owen Veber on bass and myself, Shawn Soucy on drums. He had us rolling around on the stage in laughter fits not to mention Brent's all-star voice and Doug's blazing solos.

We are also in talks to have a Sunday Evening Country Jam/ Pickers Hang. Stay tuned for more news.

Awards Show you ask? Yes! We just can't say when right yet. There are a few details and plans to firm up so in the next two weeks we will make an announcement with all the information. Please stand by and thank you for your patience.

Please feel free to email me with your suggestions or feedback to bccma@bccountry.com. Thank you and stay tuned for more information.

Regards
Shawn Soucy
President

FUNDRAISERS, DONORS, SPONSORS

We would like to extend a special *thank you* to our Sponsors in 2013.

The Sponsorship Department is always open for business. If you or anyone you know would like to become a Sponsor for 2014, please email BCCMA@bccountry.com and we will be happy to discuss possibilities and opportunities with you.

To make a donation to the BCCMA, please go to www.bccountry.com.

SUBMISSION in the BCCMA e-NEWSLETTERS

The BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER will be published and circulated at the beginning of every month. We're shooting for the 7th - give or take a few dates.

PLEASE REMEMBER

BCCMA members are invited to submit community and artist news, event listings, tour dates and announcements monthly for the BCCMA eNEWSLETTER.

Please ensure that your submission is **brief (100 words) but detailed and ready to be published**. You may include links and an e-poster with your submission. Placement of links and the e-poster will be at the discretion of the editor. Professionally written press releases are acceptable but extraction of the details

will be at the discretion of the editor. **For event listings and tour dates, please only submit the next three upcoming dates.** Making a submission does not guarantee publication, however, we promise to do our very best to include all submissions.

Please email submissions to eamonn@bccountry.com by 6pm [PST] on the 28th of every month to be included in the following month's eNEWSLETTER.

ARTIST NEWS

[ROBIN AND RYLEIGH](#)

Robyn and Ryleigh Gillespie had a hectic and successful finish to 2013. The video for their single [Just Another Sundown](#) was featured on the Heartland Network (formerly [TNN](#)) in the U.S. for 10 [weeks](#), which coincided with a trip to Nashville for co-writing and promotion.

Meanwhile back home, the girls' CD was featured in an Emerging Artists promotion with the London Drugs chain and sponsor Klipsch Canada. The girls are in the midst of making a number of in-store appearances and performing at various London Drugs locations to promote their album and preview some of their freshly written songs.

While in Chattanooga, TN to perform at the Heartland TV studios, R + R hopped the actual Chattanooga Choo-choo- which was not travelling very fast at the time See photo at www.facebook.com/robynandryleigh

Check out the website
www.robynandryleigh.com

[AMANDA THATE](#)

Getting ready for the release of her Debut Single in Spring of 2014, Amanda Thate is keeping busy getting to know others in the country music biz in the Lower Mainland. Amanda moved to Abbotsford in 2013 from her hometown, Grand Forks, to be closer to the Country Music scene in BC. She has co-written songs with people like John Higgins and Jeff Johnson, and selected songs sent to her from some of Canada's biggest names, and has made Award-winning, Jay Buettner, her Producer for her current 6-song EP, The Amanda Thate Project. Amanda can't wait to get into the studio this month and is looking forward to the year ahead with her incredible team!

For more information go to www.amandathate.com

[TODD RICHARD](#)

In October 2013 Todd started working on new music with multi award winning producer Tom Mckillip at the BCCMA studio of the year, Studio Down Under. We can expect to hear the exciting first single from his second album in late spring of 2014.

Recently Todd returned from an exciting photo shoot in Los Angeles with well-known photographer Mark Maryanovich. Photos showcasing Todd's new clean cut style and look are now available for viewing at www.toddrichard.ca

On January 17th and Jan18th 2014 at the Cloverdale Agriplex, Future West Moto brings you the Canadian ArenaCross Championships with Todd Richard back rockin' the Family Entertainment Stage. For more info & times go to www.arenacross.ca

On January 31st and February 1st 2014 at Chilliwack Heritage Park- Canadian ArenaCross Championships - Todd Richard & his Band once again rock the family entertainment zone. More info at www.arenacross.ca

CYNTHIA LEIGH-ANN

Cynthia Leigh-Ann is in studio with Jayme Knyx and his Nashville Team of Musicians. Her demos will be the start of her second Album "Forever Young". She is spending a lot of time on her Charities with fundraisers and house concerts as well as Instruments for Kids.

Cynthia has a busy 2014 scheduled, and she is finalizing her University Music Studies in 2015.

She wishes all the best to all in 2014!

ALANNA AND BRIANNE

Fifteen year old White Rock twins Alanna and Brianne, first place winners in the 2013 Diamond In The Rock Talent Search, have been busy writing and performing. These hardworking girls managed to clock 108 performances and gigs in 2013! On their second trip of the year to Nashville in November they enjoyed co-writing sessions with Nashville scribe Nick Nicklesworth, as well as mentoring sessions with Janey Street and R.C. Bannon at the Nashville Songwriters' Association and with Barbara Cloyd at the Bluebird Café.

In the summer they also participated in writers' rounds and performances at Hotel Indigo, the Commodore, the Bluebird Café, the Rudder and Belcourt Taps in Nashville.

Locally they opened for Brent Lee and Doug McFetridge at the Columbia Theatre in New Westminster on October 27th 2013, hosted by Shawn Soucy and Owen Owen. What a night of fun that was! On December 22nd they participated in a fantastic Christmas Fundraiser hosted by friend and BCCMA Hall of Famer Bud Webb at Hatzic BC.

Check out the girls' website www.alannabrianne.com for music, photos, videos and links, including the above-mentioned events and performances.

MARIA CARMEN

Maria is an amazing singer-songwriter based in Richmond. She has written many original songs that have been privately recorded and played on campus/community radio.

She will be recording a CD of Spiritual Music, over the next few months, hopefully with Dan Hare producing at his own Studio!

As well as solo performances, she also has a 3-piece band called M3 that play her original music and cover songs. They can be seen monthly at the British Ex-Servicemen's Pub on Kingsway. Next show is January 11, 2014!

She is a multi-instrumentalist playing piano/keyboard, guitar and bass guitar. Maria did back-up vocals in 2013 on some independent recordings at the VAMS studio at GF Strong.

www.lostmymarblesmusic.com

BAL DOSANJ

Bal was the Official Photographer for the three Country In The City concerts put on by the BCCMA and Rockitboy Entertainment. He donated his time and talent at many charitable events this past year including Liver Aid, Kick the \$%@@ Out Of Cancer, Blues For Paws and Blues For Christmas to name a few. As Rockitboy Entertainment's Photographer, in 2013 Bal covered many concerts around Vancouver and some out of town concerts like Dallas Smith, Me and Mae and The Matinee in Mission!

Recently he has done a photo shoot with Me and Mae and they are using his photos on their posters and advertisements.

Bal and his partner **Marlyne Marrese** put together a fundraiser with artists Ridley Bent, Cory Hawthorne, Roger Schmidt and Maria Carmen! Marlyne has a radio show at CFBX-FM in Kamloops called Folk'n Country and plays 100 % Canadian music but mostly BC and BCCMA artists.

www.lostmymarblesmusic.com

