



## BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - February 2014

Hello Everyone,

Thanks so much for receiving the February issue of the eNewsletter.

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

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have many exciting BCCMA 'members-only' events and opportunities in the planning stages, particularly for younger artists, including songwriting workshops and performance opportunities. Be sure to check this newsletter for updates. For membership enquiries contact [linda@bcccountry.com](mailto:linda@bcccountry.com)

Please feel free to email me with your suggestions or feedback to [bccma@bcccountry.com](mailto:bccma@bcccountry.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. There are many exciting opportunities to link your business or enterprise to the BCCMA and one or more of its events. Check this newsletter for updates. Meantime if you or anyone you know would like to become a Sponsor for 2014, please email [BCCMA@bcccountry.com](mailto:BCCMA@bcccountry.com) and we will be happy to discuss possibilities and opportunities with you.

To make a donation to the BCCMA, please go to [www.bcccountry.com](http://www.bcccountry.com).

### TURNINGS

Congratulations to **Dallas Smith and his beautiful wife Kristen** who welcomed their little girl **Vayda Lynn Smith** into the world January 24<sup>th</sup> 2014, weighing in at 7 lbs 9oz.

### ARTIST NEWS

## [WHISKEY JANE](#)

**Whiskey Jane** played Rogers Arena December 14th for the return showdown of the Vancouver Canucks vs. Boston Bruins. This was the highlight of the year for the band and their first taste of Arena playing. (The fact we won the game was icing on the cake!) Whiskey Jane's second album "Unbreakable" released 3 singles that have been played on radio stations across the country, and they are currently writing for their 3rd album release due in the late spring. The band looks forward to making their return to Gabbys Country Cabaret Feb. 13-15th and are gearing up for festival season 2014!

[www.whiskeyjane.com](http://www.whiskeyjane.com)

## [JAYDEE BIXBY](#)

Vernon resident and country music star **Jaydee Bixby** continues to tour his new CD Work in Progress". Jaydee's third CD has proven to be his best work yet. The CD was produced by John Webster and Bill Buckingham at The Armoury, Mushroom Studios and Buckingham Palace. Look for Jaydee to perform at festivals summer of 2014.

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## [RON IRVING/ THE TIMEWALKERS](#)

BCCMA Hall of Famer, **Ron Irving** has a new band - **The Timewalkers!**

The Timewalkers are the feature performers for the fundraiser to help the grandmothers of Africa who are raising their grandchildren due to the children's parents dying of AIDS.

Proceeds will go to the "Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmother to Grandmother Campaign"

**When: Thurs, Feb 27th - 7pm - 11 pm**

**Where: Crescent Beach Legion 2643 - 128th St, Surrey, BC**

**Tickets: \$25 Available after January 20th - CALL: 604-542-4775 or 604-535-2235**

## [THE MERV TREMBLAY BAND](#)

**The Merv Tremblay Band** has released their latest single to radio, 'Dance With You', which aired Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014. They also hold a weekly Jam Session on Sundays at the Captains Cabin Pub in Mission from 3:30 - 7:30. Everyone is welcome!

## [AUSTIN BELLE](#)

**Austin Belle** is a brand new country duo consisting of two very talented and experienced artists. Hailing from the hit-making, award winning rock band **State of Shock**, guitarist and singer/songwriter **Jesse Wainwright** lends his musical skills and incredible stage presence to the group while singer/songwriter, and Juno award winning country artist **Stacey McKitrick**, already a known talent from the country world, completes the duo. Together with a talented backing band, their super hooky songs and energetic stage show leave the audience wanting more.

Austin Belle's new single *Point of No Return* hit iTunes on **February 4**, be sure to **download it !**

### [KAREN-LEE BATTEN](#)

BCCMA Recording artist **Karen-Lee Batten's** new song 'Cause a Scene' got released to radio Feb 5th... here's a sneak peek of the video (directed by Stephano Barberis)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcL0zhAGB1Y&feature=youtu.be>

### [THE CHRIS BUCK BAND](#)

**The Chris Buck Band** members are excited to release their first album "Buck Wild" this February 2014 which they recorded with producer **Tom Mckillip**. They will also be releasing first video "Caribbean Dream" which they filmed in Cuba along with a new website/pics/tour and blogs.

### [THE HIGH BAR GANG](#)

Congrats to **The High Bar Gang** for being nominated for a JUNO Award in the Contemporary Christian/Gospel Album of the Year for their debut record **LOST & UNDONE: A Gospel Bluegrass Companion** on True North Records!

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Thursday, February 20th, 2014

### **ACOUSTIC OPEN MIC NIGHT AT THE BILLY MINER**

The Billy Miner invites acoustic musicians and fans to share an evening of great live music. Hosted by Maple Ridge-based touring/recording Roots Music artist **Bruce Coughlan** ([www.songsmyth.ca](http://www.songsmyth.ca)) the evening will include a host set, featured guests as well as an open mic for drop-ins. From Blues to Bluegrass, Celtic to Eclectic, Folk to singer-songwriter. You're welcome at the Billy Miner Acoustic Open Mic!

## **CONTEST**

BCCMA artist **Todd Richard** has a contest going on. Check out all the details on the High Time Design Contest page on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/644556628934157/>

## **SUBMISSIONS to the BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER**

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

BCCMA members are encouraged 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](mailto:eamonn@bccountry.com) by 6pm [PST] on the 28th of every month to be included in the following month's eNEWSLETTER

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