



## BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - May 2014

Hello Everyone,

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

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

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hey Country Music Lovers!

We had our first meeting as a Board within 14 days of the 2014 AGM and here is what we have on the go so far:

- We set a timeline for a successful Awards Show this Fall!
- We established the BCCMA Artist Development Team, headed by **Eamonn Morris** and **Soren Lonnqvist**. They are already working on a number of initiatives. To be announced soon!
- We are working on more interactive communication with our artists and membership through the social medias of Facebook and Twitter while streamlining membership and website management, headed up by **Linda Corscadden** with **Cindy Geisbrecht**
- **Rob Severyn**, along with **Curtis Pope**, will bring the BCCMA and Country Radio across BC into a number of joint ventures aimed at increasing our exposure and attracting music-loving people to tune into hearing our best on the Radio!
- **Mike Sanyshyn** is working tirelessly to streamline and bring order to our financial strength and responsibilities.
- **Tianna Lefebvre** is constantly speaking to our Artists helping them realize their importance to us as an organization and finding out how we can best serve Artists' needs.
- **Geoff Dueck** has been busy, researching showcase opportunities and working sound boards everywhere.

Sponsors are coming forward, wanting to support the BCCMA, and for this we are incredibly grateful.

As a Board, we are honoured to represent Artists and fans, alike. We are looking forward to a wonderful year in BC Country Music.

Make room on your calendars this year to get out and enjoy great Country Music!

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

Regards,  
Brian Thate  
President

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Those interested in membership renewal or in introducing new members to the BCCMA are encouraged to email [linda@bccountry.com](mailto:linda@bccountry.com)

## **FUNDRAISERS, DONORS, SPONSORS**

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@bccountry.com](mailto: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](http://www.bccountry.com).

## **EVENTS**

### **Rockin River Music Festival 2014**

**" The Biggest Party the Valley has ever seen !"**

**August 7th - 9th 2014** *(at the Mission Raceway Park)*

**Riverfest 2014 Lineup - Rascal Flatts, Terri Clark, The Road Hammers, Gord Bamford, Julian Austin, Hey Romeo and many more!**

**Reserved Camping** all within a short walking distance to the show site.

**The Showgrounds** have well established facilities, food concessions, ample parking and picturesque surroundings. It makes for a relaxing and enjoyable weekend for all to just sit back and enjoy the fun and the music !

**Tickets and Camping** at [ROCKINRIVERFEST.COM](http://ROCKINRIVERFEST.COM)

For more info **1.877.30 RIVER**

**Hard Rock Casino** will be hosting the "Battle of the Bands" with auditions starting June 22 & 29th over **\$10,000 in cash and prizes** with the ultimate **opportunity to play the Hard Rock Casino**  
All music is invited....

Please send video along with band name, contact and phone number to Don Adams [dona@shaw.ca](mailto:dona@shaw.ca)  
Let the Games Begin !

## **BCCMA CONTEST:**

Want to win a 2 year FREE Fan or Industry membership ? How about a **LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP?** If you can **get 5 people to join the BCCMA before July 31, 2014**, you will win the prize of a 2 year free industry or fan membership AND a Country Heat 2014 CD compliments of Sony Music.

**BUT.....**The member that gets the most people to sign up before July 31st, 2014 (more than 10 signups to be eligible) wins a **life time membership !!!!** Never have to worry about renewing your membership !!!

All you have to do is get the person to sign up online at [www.bccountry.com](http://www.bccountry.com) and in the 'notes' section of the application, get them to put your name as the referral ! If your referral doesn't have access to a computer they can call the office at 604-533-5088 to sign up as well. It's that easy !

Spam your friends, family, co-workers, FANS by email, call, text, facebook, twitter or your website.... get the word out and get your referrals in and **YOU COULD WIN !!!!**

\*\*\* Contest closes midnight of July 31st, 2014. Winners will be notified by email. Any questions regarding membership or this contest can be directed at Linda via email [linda@bccountry.com](mailto:linda@bccountry.com) or by phone 604-533-5088.  
<http://www.bccountry.com/>

## ARTIST NEWS

### AMANDA THATE

Amanda has just completed a 6 song EP with producer **Jay Buettner** and will soon be releasing her first single. Recorded at **Studio Downe Under**, it features a hot shot team of musicians and singers and includes some of the best songwriters in the industry. **Patricia Conroy, Michelle Wright, Carolyn Dawn Johnson, One More Girl, Kathleen Higgins, Lynda McKillip** and co-writer **Jeff Johnson** all contributed to a strong collection of songs that showcase Amanda and her undeniable charm. Also lending their notoriety to the project were multi-instrumentalist **Jason Mowery** (Shania Twain) and mix engineer **Sheldon Zaharko**.

### CARLY AND JULIE KENNEDY

**Carli & Julie Kennedy** will perform an official showcase at **Canadian Music Week** on May, 10th at 8pm. They will be featured in the Country Showcase at the Cadillac Lounge, 1296 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON. Visit [www.cjkennedy.com](http://www.cjkennedy.com) for more details.

Buy tickets here: [http://cmw.net/music/tickets/ticket-details/?schedule\\_ID=191&band\\_ID=7680](http://cmw.net/music/tickets/ticket-details/?schedule_ID=191&band_ID=7680)

### CHAD BROWNLEE

Canadian country singer/songwriter, **Chad Brownlee** is set to release his anticipated third studio album, **THE FIGHTERS** on June 3 via **MDM Recordings Inc./ Universal Music Canada**, the country's leading music company. The new album features the single, "**Fallin' Over You**" which is currently climbing the Canadian country radio charts.

"I enjoyed making this album immensely; it's my painting, my journal, and the collection of lyric and melody that encapsulates the artist I am at that particular time in my life, rooted in my own authenticity," said Brownlee. "This new album has a dynamic that touches on love, despair, inspiration, sexiness and of course a little bit of fun. I hope everyone enjoys this album as much as I did making it."

Brownlee co-wrote seven of the 11 tracks on **THE FIGHTERS** with friends **Deric Ruttan, Phil Barton, Brian White, Ben Glover, Terry Sawchuck, Kelly Archer, Erik Dylan, Ashley Gorley, Fred Wilhelm** and long-time music partner **Mitch Merrett**, who also produced the record.

"You never know what moment leads to an idea that ends up being a song on the record," continued Brownlee. "Whether it's an unforgettable moment or a simple smile from a stranger, every piece of every day holds inspiration within it. I am just thankful to be able to express these moments through my music in hopes that I pass on this inspiration to others."

### [ONE MORE GIRL](#)

**Britt & Carly McKillip**, and co-producer **Darren Savard** are putting the finishing touches on the upcoming One More Girl sophomore release **The Hard Way**, due out on Open Road Recordings next month. The album's second single - **Drunk Heart** - was released to country radio mid-April, and is now officially the most popular-selling OMG track on iTunes! The **Drunk Heart** video hits CMT on May 2nd, and an upcoming radio tour is currently being planned.

### [ALANNA AND BRIANNE](#)

Sixteen year old White Rock twins **Alanna and Brianne** were back in LA in early April, at **Michael Woodrum Studios** in Burbank, recording scratch vocals on four new tunes for their very first EP. The songs were written by, among others, **Andrew Dorff** (Hunter Hayes, Blake Sheldon) and **Andrew Gold** (Linda Ronstadt). Producer and mentor **Steve Dorff** then took the vocals to Nashville for an April 22<sup>nd</sup> tracking session with some of that city's finest. (The rough mixes are amazing by all accounts.) The girls are scheduled to be back in LA on May 10<sup>th</sup> for two days recording final vocals. Very exciting! Check out the girls' website for photos, tunes and performance schedules.

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

### [DOUG FOLKINS](#)

BCCMA songwriter member **Doug Folkins** is on a roll. With over 10 cuts to his credit, Doug is getting lots of attention both in Canada and across the line in the US. Alberta powerhouse country vocalist **Candice Ryan's** current single and music video was co-written by Folkins. Ontario's **Matt Williams** will be releasing one of Doug's co-penned songs to US radio on May 12. Doug also has a co-write cut on **Chris Buck's** soon to be released CD. In January Doug completed four commissioned compositions for the **National Geographic Channel**.

Doug was fortunate to form a relationship and receive mentor-ship with legendary songsmith, BBCMA Hall of Famer, **Larry Wayne Clark**. Doug is co-writing with several professional Nashville hit writers including **Dan Demay**, **Wil Nance**, and **Steve Dean**, among others. He also regularly writes with

recognized, up and coming Canadian artists, such as **Codie Prevost, Drew Gregory, Domino, Jess Mast** and **Candice Ryan**.

songwriting demos: <https://soundcloud.com/dougfolkings>

Contact: [dougfolkings@gmail.com](mailto:dougfolkings@gmail.com)

### [CYNTHIA LEIGH-ANN](#)

Cynthia Leigh-Ann has several upcoming live performances in the Okanagan including:

**Penticton Market Downtown**  
**May 10, 2014 - 9am to 1pm**  
**Main Street, Penticton BC**

**Blenz Coffee shop**  
**May 10, 2pm to 6pm**  
**Westbank Centre (next to Encore Theatre)**  
**to benefit the Westbank Foodbank**

**House Concert BC Tour**  
**836 Ogden Road Westbank BC**  
**23 May 2014**  
**7-9pm By The Pool**

**Tickets \$10.00 50% goes to Music For Good.** ReverbNation's program that allows musicians to sell music while supporting a cause The best tools for musicians and the best music for everyone else

### [JAMES COUSINEAU - GOING VIRAL PRODUCTIONS](#)

**Making a Career With Your Music: Create a brand and market your work worldwide** - Authored by James Cousineau

This is a book that is a must have for anyone working or entering the music industry. There is great information on sales, marketing, distribution, marketing among other areas of this industry.

To order your copy please visit: <https://www.createspace.com/4744087>

[JOE VALLEE](#)

## SPRING BASH 2014 !!

Joe Vallee with They Kitchen Party Boys & Guests

Date: Friday & Saturday May 9th & 10th, 2014 5pm-1am

At The Tudor Ale House Pub: 187 - 176 Street, Surrey, BC

## **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 dates.

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