



## **BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - October 2014**

Hello Everyone,

Thanks so much for receiving the October 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**

From the Desk of the President

And the winner is...! Every Artist dreams of that moment when their name is called. On October 19, join all of us as we get to witness and celebrate BC Country Music's best! We have a "Who's Who" line up of performers.

I recently returned from the Canadian Country Music Awards in Edmonton and was so very proud of our BC Country Music Artists and Industry people. British Columbia was very well represented at this years' CCMA's. Rising stars Wes Mac, Mackenzie Porter and rising to the top stalwarts, One More Girl, Dallas Smith and Chad Brownlee, as well as many other BC up-and-coming stars did us proud. Showcasing Artists at the CCMA's this year were Karen Lee Batten, Ben Klick and Amanda Thate.

To celebrate BC's great group of Artists and the fantastic year we've had in BC Country Music, we are planning a Gala Evening on October 19th at the Hard Rock Casino in Coquitlam. Members, friends and fans are all invited to come out to hear your favourite Artists and celebrate with this years' winners of the prestigious BCCMA Awards.

There is also a special invitation to everyone looking to build their Country Music careers! We will have BC's leading Industry Executives on hand for a

Special Seminar and Panel Discussion on what it takes to make it in the Country Music world of today. A must attend for all Artists, Musicians and Industry Developers!

See you at the Awards Show!!

Brian Thate  
President  
BC Country Music Association

## **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)

## **AWARDS SHOW 2014**

### ***VOTING***

The FINAL ballot closes TONIGHT, October 5th, 2014 at 10pm

**This is YOUR AWARDS.** If you don't vote, you won't have a say in this years winners. Please take the time to support your favorite artists for this years BCCMA Awards Show Oct 19th.

Paid active members, check your email for your login/password. To vote please go here [www.bccountry.com/awardsvote/](http://www.bccountry.com/awardsvote/)

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE NOMINEES !!!!

### ***TICKETS***

Tickets for the 37th Annual BCCMA Awards Show are still available. There is a great lineup of entertainment for you which includes:

**Dallas Smith, Aaron Pritchett, Chad Brownlee, Karen Lee Batten, Wes Mack, Wendell Ferguson, Jess Moskaluke, AJ Woodworth, Madeline Merlo and Austin Belle.**

Tickets available at [www.ticketmaster.ca/event/11004CEAE0AD52C8](http://www.ticketmaster.ca/event/11004CEAE0AD52C8) ONLY.

**Don't forget, the BCCMA Awards Show SOLD OUT last time, get your seats early so you don't miss out !**

## ***ARTIST DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR:***

Don't forget about our Artist Development Seminar we have going on the day of the Awards Show Oct 19th, 2014 at 1pm. This is open to ANYONE.

Tickets are only \$15 at the door of the Hard Rock Casino Theatre in Coquitlam.

Seminar panelists will be:

Mitch Merrett: Multi CCMA and BCCMA Award Winner. Songwriter/Producer and Artist Management

Mike Denney: 2014 CCMA Record Company Person of the Year and Owner of MDM Recordings.

Jim Cressman: 2014 CCMA Agent of the Year and Owner of Invictus Entertainment

Wendall Furguson: 2014 CCMA Hall of Fame Inductee

You don't want to miss this power packed panel of key industry personalities to assist you in your music careers.

## ***HOST HOTEL***

For all of those traveling for the Awards show and want a place to rest your head.... The Executive Plaza Hotel has come on board as our host hotel.

All our members, sponsors and guests are being offered a special discounted rate of \$109 (plus tax) at the Host hotel for the nights of Friday October 17th through to October 21st, 2014.

Simply call in to book your reservation with the information below to have the special BCCMA discount applied to your reservation. Free shuttle is provided to the Casino.

Executive Plaza Hotel, 405 North Road Coquitlam, BC V3K 3V9  
Toll Free: 1-888-433-3932 | Tel: 604-936-9399  
Email: [reservationsc@executivehotels.net](mailto:reservationsc@executivehotels.net)

When reserving, use this to get the discounted rate: Booking ID 15325

## HALL OF FAME SHOW - NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> 2014

The BCCMA along with **Rockin River Productions** is excited to announce the Hall of Fame show at the **Clarke Theatre in Mission** (33700 Prentis Ave, Mission), November 9th, 2014. Tickets (\$25) are now on sale at:  
<http://www.ticketzone.com/hof2014>

Performances include: **Kenny Hess, Becca/Kate Hess, Rick Tippe, Jackson Hollow, Tianna Lefebvre-Sanyshyn, Todd Richard, Cory Hawthorne, The Kennedy's & Kama King**. Hosted by Country 107.1's very own Curtis Pope !! Stay tuned for more exciting news !!!

Sponsored by **Rockin' River Productions Inc, Roosters Country Cabaret, Lordco (Mission) & Pioneer Chrysler (Mission)**

## FUNDRAISERS, DONORS, SPONSORS

We'd like to thank our Sponsors who have already come on board to support our 37th Annual BCCMA Awards Show this month.

**JRFM, Terry Hutch, Invictus Entertainment Group, Ogologo, SOCAN, Hell's Gate Airtram, Much More Music, FACTOR, Cactus Annie's and Executive Inn Hotel in Coquitlam.**

There are many sponsor packages available at:  
[http://www.bccountry.com/downloads/Sponsorship\\_Package\\_2014.pdf](http://www.bccountry.com/downloads/Sponsorship_Package_2014.pdf)

The Sponsorship Department is always open for business. There are always exciting opportunities to link your business or enterprise to the BCCMA and one or more of its events, and **in particular with the 2014 Awards Show and Hall of Fame Show upcoming!** Check this newsletter for updates.

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

## EVENTS

### JAY FRANCOIS

The official release date for **Jay Francois' Little Black Book** is set for Friday October 10<sup>th</sup> 2014.

## MADELINE MERLO

Country 107.1 presents Madeline Merlo Live at **The Well** in Maple Ridge, BC - October 4th at 9:30pm - 19+ - Wristbands available at 7pm Saturday Oct. 4 at The Well bar!

## RON IRVING

October 11th at the Blue Frog Studios check out **Ron Irving and the Time Walkers**. Doors at 7pm, Music starts at 8pm

## ARTIST NEWS

### ONE MORE GIRL

The OMG summer couldn't have been busier - several shows across Canada, a writing trip to Los Angeles, CCMA's in Edmonton.....the girls showed up on the Songwriter's Series, the Pre-Awards Countdown Show & CCMA Pre-Awards Green Carpet, the Invictus-OnRamp party - but the most fun to be had all weekend had to be co-hosting the Ole Saloon Jam, with **Brett Kissel**, after the awards show. The following day - September 9th - the girls headed back to the Rexall stage to perform on a Christmas special, filmed for CMT, that included **Terry Clark, The Stella family, Paul Brandt, Lindi Ortega, Tebey, Kira Isabella, Gord Bamford, Brett Kissel, Deric Ruttan, Tim Hicks** and many other Canadian country stars.

Swinging into fall, Britt and Carly have just left for a Nashville writing trip where they've been fortunate enough to book writing sessions with some of their songwriting heroes, including Marcus Hummon and Angelo (Kings of Leon). The girls have also been invited back to the **Grand Ole Opry** to perform for a second time on **October 18th**. **Britt and Carly want to send a big shout-out to all of their friends and peers who will be at the BCCMA Awards on October 19th. Congrats to everyone!!**

### WHISKEY JANE

Whiskey Jane is excited to receive their second nomination for "**Country Recording of the Year**" at the **2014 WCMA's (Breakout West)** held in Winnipeg! Criteria for the nomination was based on standards set by industry personnel rather than being subject to votes, in which the band is honored to be recognized. **Whiskey Jane** is also set to play 2 showcases at the event October 2-6th.

<http://breakoutwest.ca/2014-wcma/2014-wmca-nominees>

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

## [LISA NICOLE](#)

**Lisa Nicole** is currently writing for her next EP! She is hoping to make the move to country music city, Nashville, this Fall. There she will be recording her EP. In the meantime, she will be spending some time back in forth between the West Kootenay's and Vancouver and is always open to writing. To co-write with Lisa you can get in touch with her via email at [lisanicolemusic@gmail.com](mailto:lisanicolemusic@gmail.com).

Lisa Nicole is up for the **Ray McAuley Horizon Award** and her director for her music video for **It Got Ugly**, **Cliff Hokanson**, is up for **Director of the Year**.

Upcoming shows:

October 10th - The Lions Head - Castlegar, B.C

October 11th - Jogas - Grand Forks, B.C

October 17th - The Arlington - Trail, B.C

Find her on social media:

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

[www.instagram.com/lisanicolemusic](http://www.instagram.com/lisanicolemusic)

[www.twitter.com/lisanicolemusic](http://www.twitter.com/lisanicolemusic)

[www.facebook.com/lisanicolemusic](http://www.facebook.com/lisanicolemusic)

[www.youtube.com/lisanicolekianas](http://www.youtube.com/lisanicolekianas)

## [AMANDA THATE](#)

I am pinching myself! I have had a year to remember! I knew something special was going to happen...in early June I received an invitation to Showcase at the **CCMA's on September 5 in Edmonton**. Two of my singles have made it to radio. Then, in late August, I found out that I had been nominated for 5 **BCCMA Awards!**

To my amazement, when it came time for my Showcase, the room had filled to standing room only! What a crowd and what a response!

I also got to meet two of the song contributors to my most recent EP, **Nicole Scott** and **Michelle Wright**. When Country Music Legend, Michelle Wright, realized that it was I who had recorded her song, "Pieces of My Life", she gave me such a huge hug and broke into song immediately!

After the awards show, a group of us went for dinner and Legend, **Tom Cochrane**, approached our table and spent the next 20 minutes getting to know us and giving some of the greatest encouragement that I have ever received as an Artist. He was so amazing and so down-to-earth. He returned a short time later and spent another 20 minutes with us, sharing some of his own story.

Thank you **BC Country Music** for all of your support and for giving me such a wonderful platform to share my God-given talents! I am humbled and honoured to have this opportunity.

### [JAY BUETTNER](#)

Jay Buettner is touring with George Canyon these days doing the Decade of Hits Tour that started September 11th, 2014 ... here are some local shows coming up in the lower mainland

Cranbrook Oct. 14 Key City Theatre  
Chilliwack Oct. 15 Chilliwack Cultural Centre  
Maple Ridge Oct. 16 The ACT Theatre  
Mission Oct. 17 Clarke Theatre  
Sydney Oct. 18 Charlie White Theatre  
Campbell River Oct. 19 Tidemark Theatre

## **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