



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - December 2014

Hello Everyone,

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I recently had the privilege of participating in the **Hall of Fame Awards Show**. It was a very special time. Every single inductee was able to share that moment and memory of days gone by when the music flowed and the crowds cheered. There was much humour as old friends took moments to roast old friends. It was a real Country Music evening, that's for sure! One stand-out moment was watching **Hall of Famer, Elmer Tippe**, present his son, **Rick Tippe**, with his **Hall of Fame Award!** A mountain-top experience, as Elmer put it!

Another highlight was the effort and special Tribute that **Becca and Kate Hess** put together for their father, **Kenny Hess**, for his own induction into the **Hall of Fame**.

It was also a privilege to get an opportunity to shake the hands of most of these fine people after they received their awards.

Musicians, artists and all who find places to fill in the BC Country Music world, be sure that your years of labour will not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

By the way, MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

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

HALL OF FAME SHOW

The Hall of Fame Show was a huge success!!! An amazing night of performances and to see 10 great people being inducted into our Hall of Fame was beyond incredible. CONGRATS to Sue Irving, Kenny Hess, Terry Gray, Les Redekopp, Anne Lord, Bill Rea, Jim Howe, Gerry King, Rick Tippe, and Dan Earl Knecht

Thank you to Kenny Hess and Rockin' River Productions, Roosters, Mission Lordco, Pioneer Chrysler and Long & McQuade for sponsoring our show. Thank you to Becca Hess, our M.C. Curtis Pope, the very talented house band (Mike & Tianna Sanyshyn, Dennis Marcenko, Scott Smith, Jerry Adolphe, John Ellis & Tom McKillip), all the amazing performers, Bud Webb, Geoff Dueck, Soren Lonqvist & crew, Nadine Vegt, Charlene McMorris, Bal Dosanj, Cindy Giesbrecht, Martin Blumenfeld, Brittany O'Rourke and the Clarke Theatre staff for making this night, one to remember.

Moments like the HOF and Awards Shows are the reason we continue to do what we do.

It was great seeing everyone. Thank you to everyone that came out to this incredible show!!!

BCCMA WEBSITE

Please take a moment to look at the website and make sure all your information is current www.bccountry.com

If you have changes please submit them to linda@bccountry.com

EVENTS

[ROCKIN' RIVER NEWS RELEASE](#)

MERRITT – **Rockin' River Musicfest 2015** is thrilled to announce that its first headlining act, for the festival's first year in Merritt, next BC Day Long Weekend, is Nashville recording sensation **Dierks Bentley**.

This long-awaited **Rockin' River Musicfest** announcement marks the first of several performer announcements to come in the next few months for **Rockin' River Musicfest Merritt 2015**, which expands to a four-day-long festival on the **BC Day Long Weekend, from Thursday July 30 through Sunday Aug. 2nd.**

Rockin' River president **Kenny Hess** said he is excited and looking forward to having Bentley perform in Merritt in August. "Having Dierks Bentley play the Rockin' River festival in the summer is fantastic news for country fans in B.C. Dierks is loved by country fans the world over and he'll be a hit in B.C."

"This is our first major announcement for 2015, but there's more to come," Hess said. "We're talking with several other big-name acts for **Rockin' River**. We want country music fans from all over B.C. to come join us in our new location, on our new dates, and see what the new-and-improved **Rockin' River Musicfest Merritt 2015** has to offer everyone."

[CCMA NEWS RELEASE](#)

Canada's Country Music Stars come together for the CCMA Holiday Special

Terri Clark hosts evening of collaborations and celebrations

November 19, 2014 (Toronto, ON) – The Canadian Country Music Association® (CCMA®) is pleased to present the **CCMA Holiday Special**, airing on **CBC-TV on Monday, December 15 at 9 p.m./9:30 p.m. NT** and on **CMT Canada on Thursday, December 18 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. ET**. Hosted by multi CCMA Award winner, Terri Clark, the CCMA Holiday Special features a collection of memorable and unique performances by some of Canada's most recognizable and beloved country artists.

Joining Terri on stage for one-of-a-kind collaborations and performances: **Gord Bamford, Jason Blaine, Dean Brody, Chad Brownlee, Lindsay Ell, Tim Hicks, High Valley, Kira Isabella, Brett Kissel, Beverley Mahood, One More Girl, Lindi Ortega, Deric Ruttan, Tebey and The Stellas with their daughters, Lennon & Maisy.**

In addition to its airdates on **December 15 and 18**, the audio of the CCMA Holiday Special will broadcast on **CBC Radio One, Canada Live on Friday, December 19 at 2 p.m./2:30 p.m. NT** and **CBC Radio 2, Canada Live on Monday, December 22 at 7 p.m./7:30 p.m. NT**; it will also re-air on **CMT on December 25 at 1 a.m. ET.**

[AMANDA THATE](#)

The Kootenay Concert Connection is pleased to announce that the opening act for the legendary **Oak Ridge Boys** who will be performing in Vernon on June 7th/2015 will be Abbotsford's **AMANDA THATE**.

Kootenay Concerts President F.J. Hurtak said "We looked at a number of potential openers for the show at the Vernon Performing Arts Centre but the decision was fairly easy because Amanda opened for Hall of Famer **Roy Clark** on a number of our BC dates just a few years ago and the fans loved her. It just so happens that Roy Clark is also a big favourite of the **Oak Ridge Boys**, and Amanda's style suits their audience perfectly."

The Oak Ridge Boys, Boy's Night Out Tour will stop in Vernon on **June 7th at the Vernon Performing Arts Centre**. Tickets for the event will go on sale on December 12th All seats are reserved and are available at Ticket Seller box office or call [250-549-7469](tel:250-549-7469) or online at www.ticketseller.ca Fans are invited to come out and support Amanda as part of the Oak Ridge Boys, Boys Night Out Tour.. Exciting times for 5 - time 2014 BCCMA Nominee, **Amanda Thate**.

[CYNTHIA LEIGH-ANNE](#)

Cynthia will be performing at **Christmas Carols and Candy** at the Kelowna General Hospital, for the cancer clinic and the children's ward on **December 19 2014 from 3pm to 5pm**. If you are in the neighbourhood drop in to the ward with Santa in tow.

[LISA NICOLE](#)

Lisa Nicole will be putting on one of her biggest shows yet **January 16th at the Charles Bailey Theatre in Trail B.C!** Pairing up with Enormous Productions and World Vision Canada, this is going to be an exciting performance, showcasing Lisa's talents in an elegant concert setting. Joining Lisa will be her full band with opening local act, singer songwriter Jason Thomas. She will be playing tunes from her EP **It Got Ugly**, and new tunes she is set to record in early 2015.

www.lisanicolemusic.com

www.twitter.com/lisanicolemusic #itgotugly

www.facebook.com/lisanicolemusic

www.youtube.com/lisanicolekianas

[BEN KLINK](#)

Ben Klick will be playing:

December 5 - Peachland - Christmas Light Up

December 6 - Vernon - The Green Pub - Vernon Pee Wee Mustangs Hockey Fundraiser

December 31 - Kelowna - Stewart Park - New York New Years

[DANIELLE MARIE](#)

Danielle Marie with Special Guests **Khari McClelland & Brad Darrid** Dec.17, 8:30pm at the Electric Owl ~ 926 Main Street Vancouver. Adv tickets \$12

https://www.ticketfly.com/purchase/event/730981?utm_medium=bks

[RON IRVING/ TIMEWALKERS](#)

The Timewalkers are doing a concert at Blue Frog, Dec. 12th and having sold out the 7PM show we have added a 9 PM show as well. Lots of info on the web-site, www.thetimewalkers.com.

[TODD RICHARD](#)

Dec 06th- Chilliwack Rotary Christmas Parade is happy to have **Todd Richard** and his TR Band rocking the Rotary main stage at 4:30pm at 5corners in downtown Chilliwack. Parade will follow at 5:30pm

Dec 31st - New Years Eve with Todd Richard & the TR Band at the Ramada Hotel in beautiful Harrison Hot Springs. Full Buffet Dinner, Champagne at midnight & lots of fun and frivolity with the TR Band! Tickets \$65.00 and great hotel packages available also. Call 604-796-5555 or online at www.harrisonhotsprings.com

Keep up to date with Todd

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You Tube- youtube.com/user/toddricomman

ARTIST NEWS

[KAREN LEE BATTEN](#)

Karen has had a big year. Winning the **2014 Female Vocalist of the Year** at the

BC Country Music Awards has been one of the highlights so far. Karen is so thankful for all the amazing support from industry and fans that have stood behind her music. Following her win at the BCCMAs, Karen released her 3rd radio single, "**Stronger**" off her sophomore album **Cause a Scene** on Friday November 7th. "**Stronger**" is a inspiring song of strength and moving forward in life.

In addition to promoting the new single, Karen will be performing throughout the holidays. On December 14th Karen will be sharing the stage with other local acts for the annual **JRfm Basics for Babies fundraiser** for Food Banks BC. This is a heartwarming cause which supplies local food banks with baby essentials. If you wish to show your support, please visit JRfm.com.

Karen will be bringing in the New Year **in Saskatoon** opening for **Mark Chestnut** – and that is just the start of 2015! With a couple of writing trips to Nashville in the works, there are some big announcements to be made in this new coming year!!

As 2014 draws to an end, Karen would like to wish you and your family Happy Holidays filled with love and laughter!

[ROBYN AND RYLEIGH](#)

Robyn and Ryleigh had a busy November performing at some very high profile events.

- The girls previewed one of their yet to be released tracks live on the **CTV Morning Show**.
- At the Canadian National Fairs Conference, Robyn and Ryleigh and their band played a well received showcase for talent buyers from across the country.
- To kick off the holiday season, they were featured on one of the outdoor stages at the **City of Surrey's Tree Lighting Festival**, and appeared at a holiday fund-raiser at **Cascades Casino**. They ended the month in a big way, being asked to perform at two major Grey Cup events- the **CFL Legends Lunch**, and the **Grey Cup Gala Dinner**.

Robyn and Ryleigh want to send best Holiday wishes to all the BCCMA family and members, and they'll have some major news to announce at the beginning of 2015!

ANGELA HARRIS

Well it took me two years but I finally did it! My 4th album, 'A Woman Like Me', is written, and it is, what I believe to be, my very best work yet. As you all know, my style and sound sits more on side with 'trad', 'alt' and 'old time' Country and this album is no exception.

I invite you all to check out my campaign and if anything there inspires you, please consider contributing, sharing it with your networks and offering whatever support you can to help me make this record happen. The direct link to it is below. Thank you for your consideration you guys!

REVIEW, CONTRIBUTE & SHARE ANGELA HARRIS' CROWD FUNDING CAMPAIGN >>> <http://igg.me/at/Help-AngelaHarris-Record-A-Woman-Like-Me>

CYNTHIA LEIGH-ANN

Cynthia Leigh-Ann is to perform at the **LME Showcase Festival** at Dicken's Pub/The Republik in **Calgary** and will be live with her band. There is expected to be a significant music industry presence at this event!

Women Of Substance Radio has accepted Cynthia's submission for its **Women Of Substance Radio Christmas Holiday Music**. *Christmas Memories* will be included in the Holiday rotation from November 28 - December 25 2012. Also on the **Reverb Nation** Christmas list

Cynthia is releasing **Can You Come Home** to CD Baby, iTunes, and her website www.cynthialeighann.ca. Also on sale in **Lammle's Western Wear and Tack** in all their stores, pick up a copy

KRISTY HOWES

Kristy Howes new single "**When Christmas Was Special**" has been released to Radio. Kristy co-write and co-produced this song. Take a listen on sound cloud or purchase it on iTunes :)

<https://soundcloud.com/kristyhowesmusic>

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/when-christmas-was-special/id941544529>

RAQUEL COLE

Raquel Cole has been dubbed One of the "Fresh Female Voices" on SiriusXM's "The Highway." Sirius launched a special programming this summer to

spotlight Female Country Music Artists on the **Highway Channel** as “a platform-wide music-discovery initiative.” Their exploration process led them to Vernon, British Columbia’s country singing/songwriting sensation and BCCMA member **Raquel Cole**. Deemed “**one of SiriusXM’s Fresh Female Voices on the Highway (Channel 56)**,” Cole co-wrote her single “**It’s For Real This Time**,” now available on iTunes.

Cole’s work as a songwriter has also been recognized in **USA Today** and recently featured on americansongwriter.com as an **American Songwriter “Daily Discovery.”** Raquel finds herself on the road this fall opening for Grammy-Award winning group **Diamond Rio** across the Southern United States.

[ROCKIN’ CHAIR](#)

Rockin’Chair would like to say a special thanks to all of those that put together such a memorable evening for the **BCCMA Awards Show**. Congratulations to all of the winners!

The band will be performing at **Roosters Country Cabaret** in Pitt Meadows December 10th through 13th. Come on out for a great night of entertainment! They are also doing a **New Years Eve Bash in Quesnel** to raise money for their next album. If you are in the area, please visit ‘**Circle “S” Western Wear**’ for tickets!

Following the New Years event, band members **Trevor Adelman** and **Tyler Mithrush** are headed to Nashville where they will spend a productive few months writing and planning for their next release.

www.rockinchair.ca

[AJAYE JARDINE](#)

Ajaye Jardine is a recording Country singer songwriter living in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada. She has been in a mother-daughter country duo, called The Jardines, since 2010 and together they have recorded two full length albums and have performed in the Vancouver area, England and Nashville. Now, Ajaye is beginning her solo career in Country music. Ajaye has the opportunity to record her album down in Nashville, TN, in early 2015. To make this dream a reality, She has created an Indiegogo campaign to raise funds to help pay for her recording expenses.

To view her campaign and support her journey, please check out the link below. Any donation is greatly appreciated and come with some unique perks.

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/ajaye-jardine-new-album-in-2015/x/3684843>

For more information, check out Ajaye's social media pages:

www.ajayejardine.com

www.facebook.com/ajayejardine

www.twitter.com/ajayejardine

www.youtube.com/ajayejardine

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 7th - 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@bcccountry.com by 6pm [PST] on the 28th of every month to be included in the following month's eNEWSLETTER