



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - January 2015

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2015. The BCCMA Directors take this opportunity to wish all our members health, happiness and much success in the coming year!

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What makes you weep and pound the table?

I can think of no better question to ask than this one. It cuts to the chase and will start the journey of discovering who you are, why you are here and where you are going.

Take time to list your milestones in life and give thanks for these. Take an inventory of things that are close to your heart. Write down your mistakes and obstacles. What is the one goal that you have to accomplish this year? What is keeping you from this? What impossible dream do you dare to launch to have it become a reality?

On February 9th, we will hold our Annual General Meeting. Your BC Country Music Association is on solid footing and is looking to the future and what we can do to support, build and launch you, the membership, to becoming everything you were meant to be.

Along with the entire Board of Directors, I look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Sunday February 8th 2015. We also look forward to sharing our vision for the year ahead.

See you there!

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015 - IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The BCCMA Annual General Meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: Sunday, February 8th, 2015

LOCATION: Hampton Inn & Suites – 19500 Langley By-Pass, Langley B.C.
(meeting room A)

MEETING: Check-in starts at 1:00 pm - Meeting starts: 1:30pm

A Quorum must be reached before the meeting can begin so please arrive in advance of 1:30pm.

Please note, only members in good standing are able to attend and vote at the AGM. If you are unsure of the status of your membership, contact Linda Corscadden at linda@bccountry.com. Memberships can be purchased prior to the meeting online at www.bccountry.com or at the door prior to the start of the meeting.

This is your opportunity to hear what was achieved in 2014; what is planned for 2015; share your thoughts and input for the upcoming year; and vote in the 2015 Board of Directors.

We look forward to seeing you all again and hearing from all of you on the desired direction of the Association for 2015 and beyond.

BCCMA WEBSITE

Members - please take a moment to look at the website and make sure all information is current www.bccountry.com

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

EVENTS

ROCKIN RIVER 2015

This Month the **Rockin' River Music Fest (Merritt 2015)** will be making announcements of it's international line up and some of BC's finest. Be sure to get your tickets soon as the early bird prices end on January 15th. This year the Festival will be a 4 day party starting Thursday the 30th of July and running through Sunday the 2nd of August and will feature over 25 acts including several of BC's own and a wonderful lineup of international stars including the first of 4 headliners Dierks Bentley. We are extremely excited to revive the tremendous festival site in Merritt and hope all country music fans in BC who spent their summers there in the past will bring their friends to come out and see what the new Rockin' River Music Fest (Merritt 2015) has to offer... for tickets/camping and info check us out at www.rockinriverfest.com

BEN KLICK

Bringing in 2015 performing at the Downtown Kelowna New York New Years Celebration, **Ben Klick** has plans for the new year! Headlining the Okanagan College Presents: "Know Your Roots" annual concert on January 10th, Ben and his band will be eager to play country venues across BC.

Keep up to date with Ben on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram:

www.facebook.com/benklicksmusic

www.twitter.com/ben_klick

www.instagram.com/ben_klick

www.benklick.com

Ben wishes everyone a Happy New Year!

DANIELLE

DaniElle is now nineteen years old. (Happy Birthday !!!) She will be playing at the Railway Club in Vancouver (579 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 1Y4) on **January 13th at 9pm.**

She will also be playing at **Chances Casino - The Well in Maple Ridge** (22710 Lougheed Highway, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 2V6) on **January 31st at 9.30 pm.**

For information about tour dates and more go to www.DaniElleOfficial.com

[ALANNA AND BRIANNE/ FIONN](#)

Twin sisters **Alanna and Brianne** (now known as '**Fionn**') will be featured live at the **Good Day Sunshine Café**, 100 2950 King George Blvd. South Surrey on **January 10th 2015**. They will be performing two 45 min sets including songs from their newly released EP.

Showtime is 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each at the door or in advance by calling or visiting the Good Day Sunshine Cafe. Space is limited

For more information on **Fionn/ Alanna and Brianne**, as well as links to their Youtube and Facebook platforms, go to their website www.fionnband.com

[CYNTHIA LEIGH-ANN](#)

Cynthia welcomes everyone to the New Year. She will be on tour in January 2015

Live House Concert at 7 pm 5th January /15
Venue at 842 Ogden Road in West Kelowna
Tickets \$10.00, complementary refreshments

Shaw TV The Seen January 7th 2015
Kelowna Shaw Studio

Full Live Concert at The Republik Night Club January 17 2015
The Showcase will be streamed anywhere in the world, when you buy a ticket.
Get your tickets early and your code will be sent to you.
Tickets are available from
Cynthia Leigh-Ann at infocynthialeighann.ca
Website www.cynthialeighann.ca
Anne Schroeder nhtproductions"shaw.ca
The Republik Night Club... Arthur: [514-562-5579](tel:514-562-5579) Tickets 13.00

An Interment Acoustic Evening
at the Yellow House Restaurant
Kelowna BC January 23rd /15 at 7pm

Cynthia Leigh-Ann now has her new music in the **Lammle's Western Wear and Tack** January 2015. Support Cynthia by buying her new EP \$10.00 and her Album \$15.00

MICHELLE MONIKA SZULC

Michelle Monika Szulc has a show January 4th, at 8:30pm at the George Preston Rec Centre for the Canucks Alumni Fundraising Dinner. All proceeds benefitting Sophie's Place. The hockey game starts at 5:30 pm.

OUTLAWS & OUTSIDERS

Upcoming tour dates/locations for the Outlaws & Outsiders Tour featuring Aaron Pritchett with special guest King & Cash (fronted by Aaron's son Jordan Pritchett) For more information: <http://www.aaron-pritchett.com/>

JANUARY 15 - Victoria

16 - Courtenay

17 - Nanaimo

18 - Vancouver

19 - Langley

20 - Kelowna

22 - Edmonton

23 - Calgary

24 - Red Deer

25 - Medicine Hat

26 - Lethbridge

27 - Saskatoon

29 - Grande Prairie

30 - Whitecourt

31 - Lloydminster

ARTIST NEWS

ONE MORE GIRL

Britt and Carly McKillip of One More Girl have been enjoying some well-deserved downtime at home over the holidays. The girls landed back in Vancouver on December 19th, finishing up a successful cross-Canada Christmas tour with the **Huron Carole**. The New Year will see the girls spending more time in Nashville as they continue to write and record for an upcoming release -

One More Girl wishes all of their BC friends and fans the very best for a stellar 2015!

[TWIN KENNEDY](#)

TWIN KENNEDY (formerly Carli & Julie Kennedy) are excited to announce the release of their debut single this January! *It's a Love Thing* goes to Canadian country radio on January 5th. The single, co-written by Carli and Julie with Nashville's Larry Haack, is produced by Canadian country superstar **George Canyon and Graham Sharkey**. It will be followed up by the release of Twin Kennedy's first full length album in Spring 2015.

Twin Kennedy will embark on a **cross-Canada radio tour in January and February** to promote *It's a Love Thing*. Visit www.twinkennedy.com for more information and Canada-wide duo tour dates.

[CHAD BROWNLEE](#)

Chad Brownlee's new single *When The Lights Go Down* debuted on CMT on Boxing Day. **Mitch Merritt** co-wrote and produced this track. It went to radio across Canada the same day. Make sure to request it.

[ALANNA AND BRIANNE/ FIONN](#)

Alanna and Brianne have been busy writing travelling and performing. In addition they have officially changed their name to **Fionn** (an Irish word pronounced 'Fee-yun', with a nod to their roots in Ireland and the ancestral family name 'Finn').

The girls spent Christmas and New Year on vacation in Panama, Central America, from where they recorded and posted several Youtube videos. These are available for viewing on their Youtube and Facebook platforms as well as their website www.fionnband.com. Check them out, if you haven't already!

They are scheduled to give a concert at South Surrey's **Good Day Sunshine Café** on January 10th 2015. See EVENTS, above, for details.

[BUD WEBB](#)

On Dec. 13, 2014 BCCMA Hall of Famer Bud Webb put on a Christmas fundraiser at the Hatzic Prairie School that had a pot luck dinner and jam featuring BCCMA members Bud Webb & Trevor Murray. Lots of local artists, friends and family came together to raise over \$1600.00 in cash and a ton of food for the Mission Food Bank. Great work everyone !!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media is where it's at!!! Are you following us on twitter @BCCMA ?? If you are posting about your events etc, **be sure to put @BCCMA in your post so we can retweet and share !!!** This will help spread awareness of YOU but also of the BCCMA.

BCCMA members are also encouraged to submit upcoming artist news, event listings, tour dates and announcements weekly so **we can post them onto our Facebook group page as well as Twitter.** Event posters are also welcome for our Facebook submissions so please send those in jpeg/tiff format.

These entries will be posted to our FB/Twitter sites within a week of the event/date so it doesn't get lost in the shuffle of activity on the site. You can either email Linda with your events for the week at linda@bccountry.com, tag the BC Country Music Association in event posts on your timeline (must have 'liked' the BCCMA page on FB for Linda to get the notification), or simply invite (Linda Corscadden) to the event posting on FB. This way we can keep track of all your events and news and keep everyone up to date on social media !!!!

SUBMISSIONS to the BCCMA 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@bccountry.com by 6pm [PST] on the 28th of every month to be included in the following month's e-Newsletter