



## **BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - February 2015**

Welcome to our February 2015 Newsletter. The BCCMA Directors take this opportunity to wish all our members health, happiness and much success!

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

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Be the first to hear!

Sunday, February 8th at 1:00 pm! Join us at the AGM! Details below. You will have a chance to hear about our great year past and our plans for this coming year. I don't want to steal the thunder of my fellow directors but I can tell you that Directors, Soren Lonqvist and Geoff Dueck are so excited, they can hardly contain themselves!

Vision, plus talent, plus hard work, plus perseverance, plus support equals success. The BC Country Music Association represents all of this. As a Board, we endeavor to live this statement for ourselves and for our membership.

Here is the question for you...have you given proper attention to addressing these necessary components to success, or is there something missing in your pursuit of your country music career?

There will be three significant events taking place this year. Each event has been designed with you in mind and taking your career to the next level. Be the first to hear and be the first to take advantage. Join us on February 8 at the AGM!

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)

## **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.**

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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](mailto:linda@bccountry.com). Memberships can be purchased prior to the meeting online at [www.bccountry.com](http://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](http://www.bccountry.com)

**Have you moved or changed your email address lately? Don't forget to change it in your member profile online so you stay up to date on news/events !!!**

Click on the link below, log in (user name is your membership number on your card) If you can't remember this, click on can't remember user name/password and it will be sent to you)

Once logged in, you have 3 choices, to update your membership profile, change your password or renew your membership. If you make any changes REMEMBER to save your changes at the bottom of the page !!!! If you need help, just contact [Linda@bccountry.com](mailto:Linda@bccountry.com)

<http://www.bccountry.com/awardsvote/>

## **NEWS RELEASES**

### **HARD ROCK CASINO**

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*'Rock the Mic' Competition at Hard Rock Casino Vancouver Sheds Light on Emerging Local Talent*

### **OVER \$ 5,000.00 IN CASH PRIZES**

'Rock the Mic' is ready to rock again at the Hard Rock Casino Vancouver. The competition is a twelve week long battle where solo artists and acoustic duos compete to take home a confirmed one-year contract to play at the Hard Rock Casino Vancouver. The Grand Prize equates to over \$5,000 in bookings, cash, equipment and much more.

Applications are now open and will close on February 20, 2015. The top 50 applicants will be invited to compete. Preliminaries take place in Asylum every Thursday night from March 12 until April 30. Semi-Finals will take place on May 7 and May 14. The fan voted on Wild Card night will be on May 21 while the Finals will be held on May 28. The 12-week competition will narrow down each week leaving eight performers to compete in the final battle.

During Preliminaries and Semi-Finals, judges will carry 75 per cent of the vote while the other 25 per cent will be awarded via live audience member voting. During the finals, judges will carry 100 per cent of the vote.

For more information regarding the competition, visit [www.hardrockcasinovancover.com/rockthemic](http://www.hardrockcasinovancover.com/rockthemic)

## [ROCKIN' RIVER MUSICFEST MERRITT, B.C.](#)

You've all been patiently waiting and now we're thrilled to announce that **Lady Antebellum, Big & Rich, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Ridley Bent, MacKenzie Porter, and The Boom Chucka Boys** will all join **Dierks Bentley** this summer at the Rockin' River Music Festival!

This is just the start to an ever-growing lineup and we hope you'll all join us at the beautiful festival show site in Merritt this summer!

Save up to \$30 per ticket! Early Bird Pricing on Now! Save Up to \$30 Off Per Ticket! [www.rockinriverfest.com](http://www.rockinriverfest.com)

## [STEPHANO BARBERIS](#)

Check out Stephano's brand new director's reel!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSHUfxHeM1w&hd=1>

Stephano is the most highly awarded music video director in Canadian history with over 130 music videos directed, 28 directorial and video awards out of 61 nominations (15 BCCMA's in a row!). He has over 50 top 20 hits, and 15 #1 hits in multiple countries and different genres !!!

For more information on Stephano Barberis, please contact Cherie Sinclair:

[cherie@thefield.ca](mailto:cherie@thefield.ca)     <https://stephanobarberis.com>

## **EVENTS**

### [BCCMA ARTISTS ENTERTAIN OUR TROOPS!](#)

Wishing all the artists going overseas to play for the troops along with BCCMA's very own **Dan Swinimer & Madeline Merlo** a safe return and do us proud !!!

### [ROD BLACK WITH ME AND MAE](#)

**Sunday, February 22** at **Gabby's Country Cabaret** in Langley.

Tickets are \$22.50 (plus Facility Fee and Service Charges) at TicketWeb.

Charge by phone at 1-888-222-6608 or online at [www.ticketweb.ca](http://www.ticketweb.ca).

For more information about ROD BLACK visit [www.rodblackmusic.com](http://www.rodblackmusic.com)

For more information about ME & MAE visit [www.meandmae.com](http://www.meandmae.com)

### [DANIELLE](#)

**DaniElle** will be performing at **The Roxy** in Vancouver at 8.30pm on **Sunday February 22!** Cover charge is \$7 at the door. Check out more show dates at

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

## ROBYN AND RYLEIGH

**Robyn and Ryleigh** appearances upcoming are:

- February 21st - Chances - Chilliwack
- February 28th- Chances- Maple Ridge

## CORY HAWTHORNE

**Cory Hawthorne** has a show Thursday February 5th at 7pm at the **Railway Club** in Vancouver.

## MERV TREMBLAY JAM

Feel like Jammin ?? The **Merv Tremblay band's SUNDAY CABIN JAMMIN'** is **EVERY SUNDAY**, so get out to The CABIN 33331 Harbour Ave in Mission for a 3:30pm start.

## DALLAS SMITH

DALLAS SMITH will be making a stop in Kamloops for his Tippin' Point Tour Tuesday February 10 at the Sagebrush Theatre in Kamloops. Tickets are \$49.50 (Plus Facility Fee & Service Charges) at the Kamloops Live Box Office, 1025 Lorne Street. Charge by phone at 250-374-LIVE (5483) or online at [www.kamloopslive.ca](http://www.kamloopslive.ca).

## AARON HALLIDAY

Aaron has a show at the Casino in the Grand Okanagan resort in Kelowna February 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00pm to 1:00am in the lounge.  
[www.reverbnation.com/aaronhalliday](http://www.reverbnation.com/aaronhalliday)

## ARTIST NEWS

### SONS COMMAND

*Sal & Shawn* will be hitting the studio next week in Ottawa, Ontario, recording four new tracks with *Eric Eggleston* at *Johnny Hall Productions* ([www.johnnyhallproductions.com](http://www.johnnyhallproductions.com))!...we are super excited for these songs, and as you may or may not have guessed yet...**a new album is on the way!!!**

Another **BIG WEEK** for us here as we **PROUDLY REPORT** that after 2 weeks of the release of our **DEBUT RADIO SINGLE**, 'Go For A Ride,' across the nation, that **11 RADIO STATIONS** have added the single, + **2 more** have featured it!!

In fact, next week *Sal & Shawn* are interviewing with *Donna Henry* at *Owen Sounds' Country 93 FM* who is featuring *Sons Command!*...

**AND!!!**...Monday night, *Sons Command* climbed up another spot to hit **position #17** on The Iceman's TOP 40 New Artist Country Chart on **Best Country Radio!!!** Please keep those votes coming in everyday (once from each electronic device) at [www.bestcountryradio.com](http://www.bestcountryradio.com) so that you can help us climb to number 1!!! For more information: [www.sonscommand.com](http://www.sonscommand.com)

### TWIN KENNEDY

**TWIN KENNEDY** is currently travelling across Canada on their "**It's a Love Thing**" **Acoustic Tour** - visiting radio stations across the country and performing duo shows in almost every province!

Twin Kennedy's debut single, **It's a Love Thing**, was released to iTunes on January 20th, and it is available for purchase at the following link: <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/album/its-a-love-thing-single/id959018126?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

Visit [www.twinkennedy.com](http://www.twinkennedy.com) for show dates. Tickets are now available for full band dates in BC this April!

### JAY BUETTNER

The new year is easing in for producer/guitar player **Jay Buettner**. January saw Jay recording guitar tracks at home for clients across Canada, co-writing and starting mixes on a side project called **The New Yank Yorkies**. Gigs in the coming months include shows with **George Canyon** and local folk/roots artist **Chris Ronald**. At the end of January, Jay will head to **Nashville** and **Muscle Shoals**. While there, he'll be checking out bands, studios, hooking up with industry friends and co-writers and hoping to connect with several BC musicians and artists including recent transplants **Jesse Tucker**, **Lee Worden** and **Steve Dawson**. Jay is available for gigs, sessions, production work, track editing and co-writing throughout the spring and can be contacted anytime through the BCCMA website

### ALANNA AND BRIANNE/ FIONN

**Alanna and Brianne** had a busy January. Among other activities they opened for **Danielle** at the Railway Club in Vancouver on January 13th and they played a **Terry Fox** benefit at the Blue House in South Surrey on January 30<sup>th</sup>, where they opened for Canadian legend **Valdy**. It was a great night! They are pleased to

announce that the tracks from their EP **Second Hand Love**, recorded last year in LA and Nashville are **now available for purchase on Itunes**. Visit the girls' website **www.Fionn.com** for more information

### [BEN KLINK](#)

With a busy month ahead, Ben is hard at work writing new material for a 6 song EP, and organizing performance opportunities that have come his way. One of the performances on the list is **February 19th** at the **Minstrel Café**. Ben will be playing between 8:00-9:00pm, and 9:30-10:30pm.

Keep up to date with Ben on Facebook (Ben Klick's Music), Twitter (@Ben\_Klick), Instagram (@Ben\_Klick), and on his website, [www.benklik.com](http://www.benklik.com)

### [CHRIS BUCK BAND](#)

The boys are currently back in studio with producer **Jeff Johnson** working on their next single set to release to country radio in April. They will also be playing shows at **The Canada Winter Games** in February in Prince George and then off to Victoria for 2 shows. Keep up to date with their busy schedule at [www.chrisbuckband.com](http://www.chrisbuckband.com).

#### **February Shows**

Feb 13 - Hard Rock Casino ( Coquitlam)

Feb19 - Riverside Inn ( Ashcroft)

Feb 20- Canada Winter Games ( Cariboo House , Prince George)

Feb 22 - Canada Winter Games ( Cariboo House, Prince George)

Feb 23 - Canada Winter Games ( Prince George Curling Club)

Feb 24 - Canada Winter Games ( Prince George Curling Club)

Feb 27 - The Duke Saloon (Victoria)

Feb 28 - The Duke Saloon ( Victoria)

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

**Cynthia Leigh-Ann** just returned from a successful show in Calgary Alberta to a sold out crowd. Cynthia is moving on to the **Vancouver showcase** in March 2015 Tickets will be on sale for \$15.00

Cynthia was the featured artist on **Indie Beat** on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> with **Mae Wandinger**.

**Jayme Knux** featured **Cynthia Leigh-Ann** at Heidi's EP release party; performing a set on Friday January 30<sup>th</sup> 2015. Cynthia opened for **Joe Hicks** on

the 30<sup>th</sup> January at the OK Corral in Kelowna BC and featured a 30-minute set of her new singles.

### [AARON PRITCHETT](#)

Aaron Pritchett continues to headline the **#Outlaws And Outsiders** tour in Canada - along with **Cory Marquardt** and **King & Cash**. Aaron's new release **'Wake You With a Kiss'** is now available on iTunes and Radio !!!!

### [DALLAS SMITH/ MCKENZIE PORTER](#)

Congrats to **Dallas Smith** and **MacKenzie Porter** for their nominations for **Country Album of the Year** at the **The JUNO Awards** !!!

### [ME AND MAE](#)

**Me and Mae's** new single **"My Heart Goes On"** is now streaming exclusively from their Official Mobile App. Available for iPhone, Android, and Blackberry. <https://volu.me/meandmae>

## **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 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 e-Newsletter.

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 upcoming months 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 e-Newsletter