



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - March 2015

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our March 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

Artist Development Project! Cloverdale Rodeo! BC Country Music Awards Show! Showcase and performance opportunities. Education and development. Momentum building for each career. These are the major events that are planned for you, our membership!

The success of any event is tied to those who get involved. Much work needs to be done and our Board is going full speed ahead to make these projects a success. We are asking our members to get involved as we need boots on the ground to assist in each of these events. We also need sponsors to come alongside with us. Make yourself available and let us know how you can participate.

This is what Country is all about, working together towards a common goal because that's what our Association does and that is how we do it. Phone or email today bccma@bccountry.com or 604-533-5088.

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

BCCMA CONTEST TIME

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 2015, you could win the prize of a 2 year free industry or fan membership!

BUT.....The member that gets the most people to sign up to be a BCCMA member before July 31st, 2015 (more than 10 signups to be eligible) could win a **LIFETIME 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 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, 2015. Winner(s) will be notified by email. Any questions regarding membership or this contest can be directed at Linda via email linda@bccountry.com or by phone 604-533-5088.

MEMBERSHIP SURPRISE

A little surprise for those members that attended the BCCMA AGM on Sunday, From those that attended, we decided to do a draw for 5 names and award them a **1 year FREE membership !!!!**

The 5 winners are: **Brenda Myers, Lloyd Bowes, Terry Overes, Linda Temple and Sheldon Zaharko.** Congrats!

BCCMA WEBSITE

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

BCCMA PRESS RELEASE

AGM 2015: The BCCMA Gathers Momentum with new initiatives and high turnout

Langley BC February 8 2015: The British Columbia Country Music Association posted even greater membership attendance numbers than in 2014 at this year's Annual General Meeting held in Langley today, signaling the continuation of a trending expansion of interest in this veteran organization among the artistic community.

Of that nine-member Board, four director positions were up for renewal this year. The renewed appointees are Brian Thate, Eamonn Morris, Mike Sanyshyn and Tianna Lefebvre-Sanyshyn. The newly elected director is David Wills, a former Director and veteran of the BC Music Scene. Directors continuing to serve are Linda Corscadden, Geoff Dueck, Soren Lonnqvist and Cindy Giesbrecht.

The Board welcomed the re-appointment of Brian Thate as the Association's President, and of Linda Corscadden as Vice-President, as well as the appointment of Cindy Giesbrecht as the Association's Secretary/Treasurer.

The Board reaffirmed its commitment to promoting and providing a profile for BC Country artists as well as its continued focus on attracting and developing younger musicians and artists within the Association's folds. Several exciting new prospective initiatives were announced and discussed, including a co-operation with the Cloverdale Rodeo among others.

NEWS RELEASES

ROBYN AND RYLEIGH

Royalty Records Strikes a Sisterly Chord by Signing Robyn & Ryleigh

Edmonton, AB, March 2nd, 2015 – Royalty Records (Sony Music Canada) is proud to welcome Canadian country music act, Robyn & Ryleigh, to its growing roster of Canadian country music talent.

"I first 'officially' met Robyn & Ryleigh at OCL Studios just outside of Calgary. It was obvious to me that they were in their element. The energy and passion were the first things I noticed. Then they performed a couple tunes for me and that was what did it" says Rob Smith, President/CEO of Royalty Records. "I see their authentic passion and desire to not just be great singers or great entertainers or great writers, but their dedication to be all three," he added.

The Langley duo said, "We are beyond excited to join Royalty Records! The first time we met Rob, we knew this was going to be a great fit. We are thrilled to be taking our next big step with them."

Inspired by a recent songwriting trip to Nashville and a year of performances across BC and Alberta, Robyn & Ryleigh are poised for their first single release for Royalty Records this Spring, followed by their second album later in the year. The duo are managed by David Wills and Paul Shatto of Vancouver based Raincoast Music. For more information and news, visit RobynandRyleigh.com and RoyaltyRecords.ca.

TWIN KENNEDY

TWIN KENNEDY has just returned from a cross-Canada radio and acoustic tour in support of their debut single "It's a Love Thing"!

In 45 days, Twin Kennedy drove 10436 kilometres, visited 47 radio stations, played 12 duo shows, performed on 3 TV shows, and were featured on 10 YouTube series. Twin Kennedy continues on the road this month with full band shows in Alberta and BC to celebrate the upcoming release of their album produced by Canadian country superstar George Canyon and Graham Sharkey. Twin Kennedy's debut album, "It's a Love Thing", will be officially released next month!

In other exciting news, Twin Kennedy has just been announced as a MainStage act at Rockin' River Musicfest opening for Big & Rich on Sunday, August 2nd.

PAT CHESSELL

PAT CHESSELL TO PERFORM 3RD ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK'S SHOW AT BLUE FROG STUDIOS; FIRST RADIO SINGLE TO BE RELEASED IN MARCH

Surrey, BC - British Columbia based Celtic/Roots singer **Pat Chessell** will be performing on March 14, 2015 at the world famous **Blue Frog Studios** in White Rock for a special Saint Patrick's weekend show. Next month, the young singer will also be releasing his debut radio single to country radio.

The show at Blue Frog will feature Chessell and his backup band, consisting of Andrea Taylor (fiddle), Nathan Powell (bouzouki), Tim Renaud (bass) and Rick Chapman (drums). Chessell's last two shows at this venue sold out and tickets are already selling quickly for this upcoming show. Tickets are available at www.bluefrogstudios.ca.

Chessell will be releasing his debut single, "**Fuel on the Fire**" to country radio in March. In a past profile on the artist, Tom Zillich of **The Now** Newspaper described the song as "ridiculously catchy Johnny Cash-esque." The track features Chessell on guitar and vocals, Steve Dawson on slide guitar, Nathan Powell on fiddle and producer Tim Renaud on bass, drums and backing vocals.

In addition to the Blue Frog show, **Pat Chessell** will also be appearing at the **Imperial Theatre** on March 7 as part of Celtic Fest Vancouver's tribute to **The Pogues**. For more information on this young singer, please visit his website at <http://www.patchessell.com>. Reverb Nation is streaming tracks from Chessell's second album, Lullabies and Battle Cries, at <http://www.reverbnation.com/patchessell3>

CCMA SONGWRITER SERIES

Submissions are now open for the 2015 **CCMA Songwriters Series**. Click here for more information and to apply for one of 12 coveted spots available this year: <http://buff.ly/1DpLZii>

Submission deadline is Friday March 20, 2015 at 2:00PM EST

OPPORTUNITIES

CLOVERDALE RODEO

BCCMA and Cloverdale Rodeo will have an impressive pavilion at the **Cloverdale Rodeo & Country Fair, May Long Weekend 2015**. The event offers BCCMA Artists some great visibility and public interaction during the daytime,

and into the night hours to dance. We will have an outside show case stage during the day and live performances inside **Shannon Hall** for night time entertainment. There will be tons of opportunities for **BCCMA Artists** to perform during this long weekend at the Rodeo. Stay tuned for more information coming, and be on the look out for submission details.

[ARTIST DEVELOPMENT PROJECT](#)

The Artist Development Project: The **BCCMA** and **MusicBC** have partnered on an exciting new **Artist Development Project** for the country music community in BC. The Artist Development Project will run over a six month period offering showcase opportunities, live performance coaching, a two-day music business boot camp, significant development funding/resources and an opportunity for the contestants to play at the Cloverdale Rodeo, Rockin' River MusicFest in Merritt and the winner to perform at the BCCMA Award show in October.

We are aiming to launch the project this month, with online submissions that will move on to live performance auditions at various venues throughout B.C. We are working hard with MusicBC to get an amazing prize package for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, and have some great prizes already. Stay tuned for more news relating to this contest.

[SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES](#)

The BCCMA is looking for more sponsors for the Cloverdale Rodeo weekend and Artist Development Project we are launching. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor the BCCMA for these events please go to www.bccountry.com/siteimages/newsletter60_1.pdf for the full sponsor package or contact us at bccma@bccountry.com or 604-533-5088

[ROCKIN RIVER MUSIC](#)

Rockin River MusicFest: (July 30th thru August 2nd) The BCCMA will have the opportunity to have a showcase at the festival in Merritt this year. We will be featuring 6 artists on the little Big Stage. Stay on the look out for submission details.

[AWARDS SHOW](#)

Awards Show: The BCCMA has a tentative date set for the **2015 BCCMA Awards Show** at the **Hard Rock Casino**, October 25th 2015. We are hoping to have a showcasing opportunity this year on the Saturday before the main awards on Sunday. Stay tuned for more information.

EVENTS

DANIELLE

Danielle Marie has a show Saturday March 28 2015 **Chances Casino Chilliwack** at 9.30pm . More show dates at www.daniellemariemusic.com

DAVID STANLEY DOUST

Kickstart your Songwriting with **Dave Stanley Daoust**, March 17th, at 7pm

Never written a song before, but would like to ? Or maybe you're an experienced writer with half-written songs laying around ? If this sounds like you, then join Dave as he shares songwriting ideas to get you to the next level! Topics include finding great titles, song plots and structures and a whole lot more. Dave is an award-winning songwriter, having won the BC Musician Magazine songwriting contest and being selected by the CCMA as an up and coming songwriter, performing in the round with hit writers at Country Music Week. www.long-mcquade.com/news/2409

ROCKIN' RIVER MUSICFEST 2015

It's less than 5 months until **Rockin' River Music Fest** 2015 in Merritt, BC! The lineup just keeps growing !!!!

Dierks Bentley, Big & Rich, Lady Antebellum, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Ridley Bent, Tebey, MacKenzie Porter, Boom Chucka Boys, Washboard Union, Beverley Mahood Duane Steele and newly added BCCMA Artists, Dallas Smith, Rod Black, Twin Kennedy, Cash Crawford, Chris Buck Band & Sean Hogan

It's gonna be the party of the year !!!!

Get tickets, camping and more info at <http://rockinriverfest.com/>

JUSTIN RALPH

Congrats to **Justin Ralph** @J_RCountry for making the finals in the Fort St John Rockin' the Peace 2015 contest for his song '**Left Behind**' --- GOODLUCK !!!

If you're in the area, the concert is **Saturday, March 7th** at **The Lido** in Fort St John. Doors open at 7 pm, show starts at 8 pm.

Tickets are available through the Lido or contact Concert organizer, **Blair Johnston** at 250-793-8299.

[DAVID BORYS](#)

BCCMA member David Borys hosts a Songwriter In the Round at the Railway Club in Vancouver. This bi-monthly event includes a panel of three songwriters from a variety of genres. The evening is a celebration of the craft of songwriting. The next show is Friday, March 13th. BCCMA member David Hartney will be one of the three panelists. Tickets are only \$8 at the door for this rare opportunity to see artists telling the stories behind some of their favourite written songs and then playing them for you. It is an evening that celebrates the craft of songwriting. Check out www.facebook.com/railwayintheround for more details

[BREAKOUT WEST](#)

BreakOut West Submissions close **MARCH 15, 2015.**

CLICK HERE to begin your @BreakOutWest and/or Western Canadian Music Award online submission <http://breakoutwest.ca/submissions1/>

[CHAD BROWNLEE](#)

The **When the Lights Go Down** Tour kicks off March 4th for **Chad Brownlee, Bobby Wills and Jess Moskaluke**. Check Chad's website for the tour dates and times for the City closest to you !!! www.chadbrownlee/site/php/shows

[CORY HAWTHORNE](#)

A songwriters' showcase featuring the musical talents of Cory Hawthorne at the Princeton Pub, 1901 Powell St, Vancouver, March 6th at 9pm. For more information: www.coryhawthorne.com

[ARTIST NEWS](#)

[RAQUEL COLE](#)

Raquel Cole is back on tour this Spring ! She is confirmed to open for Jonny Lang on March 13th at the Kelowna Community Theatre as well as for Josh Turner at Theatre shows in the U.S. See dates at her website: www.raquelcole.com

Watch Raquel's live performance of her song, **Maybe It Feels Like Love**, the first video featured in her highly anticipated YouTube series titled **The Candlelight Sessions**. www.youtube.com/watch?v=gF-PdazTrnE

[BEN KLICK](#)

Ben Klick is heading down to Nashville, Tennessee on March 23rd! Work has begun on a new six-song EP being produced by **Clay Krasner and RyLee Madison** of 7-17 Music! The first three songs have been chosen for this trip to Music City! Ben is looking forward to having the finished product for the end of the Summer!

Keep up to date with Ben Klick on:

Facebook: Ben Klick's Music

Twitter: @Ben_Klick

Instagram: @Ben_Klick

[LISA NICOLE](#)

Lisa Nicole is currently in **Nashville TN**, continuing to write songs to add to her catalogue for her next EP. She also played shows and writers rounds at **The Bluebird, Belcourt Taps and Tapas, Douglas Corner, and The Row**.

Lisa is also fortunate to be doing a **showcase at Canadian Music Week in Toronto** in May and is set to **tour BC and Alberta in July**.

For show and writing bookings you can contact Lisa at

lisanicolemusic@gmail.com

www.lisanicolemusic.com

www.twitter.com/lisanicolemusic #itgotugly

www.facebook.com/lisanicolemusic

www.youtube.com/lisanicolekienas

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 with your submission. Placement of links 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 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 by 6pm [PST] on the 28th of every month to be included in the following month's e-Newsletter.