



## **BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - April 2015**

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our April 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 Program, Cloverdale Rodeo, BC Country Music Awards Show, Showcase opportunities throughout 2015. What more can you ask for? Check out our Facebook page every day so you don't miss anything! Your board of Directors has put together a line-up of opportunities second-to-none!

Enroll, volunteer, get family members involved and get signed up to perform and grow!

Do you have what it takes? Begin woodshedding and get ready. Are you eligible for the Artist Development Program? Check it out! Have you submitted your application to perform at the Cloverdale Rodeo and other Showcase opportunities! Get your application in!

This is the year for Country Music in BC! Pack up the kids, get Granny out of her rocker and "git" down to the ole' rodeo grounds for some good, old-fashioned ho-down country music!

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](mailto:linda@bccountry.com)

## CONDOLENCES



It is with very heavy hearts that we tell you of the passing of past BCCMA President Diana Kelly. On March 26th, 2015, Diana gently left this world and her battle with cancer.

Diana was a huge influence to everyone in the country music industry. Diana loved country music, and everything associated with it. Her country music career lasted almost 40 years, including her 1999 induction into the BCCMA Hall of Fame. She excelled in artist management and sound and video production, and was the marketing queen for the Hedley Blast. Most importantly, for 17 years Diana spearheaded the Merritt Mountain Music Festival, a Western Canadian country music festival of unprecedented distinction.

Diana understood the value of establishing the roots of a music genre and tirelessly nurtured and developed new talent. Some very well known Canadian artists of today received great encouragement and support from Diana. Although small in size, Diana's larger than life persona and vibrant smile was well known. Everyone in the industry, from sponsors, record labels, stage hands, studio engineers and producers to musicians and songwriters, knew and respected this lady. She will be fondly remembered and dearly missed!

We wish her family and friends our condolences, and our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time. Keep smiling and dancing, Diana!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### [BCCMA ON INSTAGRAM/ TWITTER](#)

The BCCMA is now on Instagram!!! Follow us there

<https://instagram.com/bccountrymusicassociation>

And on Twitter @BCCMA

### SUNDAY SHOWCASES

The BCCMA and KLB Entertainment presents Country Sunday Showcases at

**The Taphouse** in Guildford B.C. the next showcase will be April 19<sup>th</sup>. All

BCCMA members are welcome to be featured by emailing Karen to

[media@karenleebatten.com](mailto:media@karenleebatten.com)

### VOLUNTEERS

The BCCMA would like to thank these volunteers/ members for their time in posting posters around BC regarding the Artist Development Project:

**Donna Muir, Jacqueline Braine, Jenn Makepeace, Cam Johnson, Cathy Folett, Sheri Anderson, Cynthia Leigh-Ann, Melva White, Sheldon Zaharko, Danielle Marie, Steve Grimaldi, Eric Phillips, Darrin Cherewayko and Geoff Dueck.**

YOU ALL ROCK!!! Thank you

### 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/>

## EVENTS

### BRUCE COUGHLAN

APR 1, 2015 - BURKE BEER HOUSE - Port Coquitlam BC  
APR 7, 2015 - BIG ROCK URBAN - Vancouver BC  
APR 8, 2015 - KINGFISHERS - Maple Ridge BC  
APR 10, 2015 - ST JAMES' WELL - Port Moody BC  
APR 11, 2015 - ST JAMES' WELL - Port Moody BC  
APR 15, 2015 - BURKE BEER HOUSE - Port Coquitlam BC  
APR 18, 2015 - MEMORIAL PEACE PARK - Maple Ridge BC  
APR 20, 2015 - BIG ROCK URBAN - Vancouver BC  
APR 22, 2015 - KINGFISHERS - Maple Ridge BC  
APR 27, 2015 - BIG ROCK URBAN - Vancouver BC

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### TWIN KENNEDY

**Twin Kennedy** is releasing their debut album on April 7<sup>th</sup>. **"It's A Love Thing"** features nine tracks produced by Canadian Country star **George Canyon** and renowned West Coast producer **Graham Sharkey**. The album is available on iTunes and at [www.twinkennedy.com](http://www.twinkennedy.com). The CD release will be followed with a BC tour

April 8 - Vancouver - The Fairview Pub

April 9 - Victoria - University of Victoria P.T.Y. Recital Hall

April 10 - Merritt - The Culture Club

April 12 - Kamloops - St. Andrews On The Square

April 13 - Chilliwack - G.W. Graham School Theatre

April 15 - Powell River - Max Cameron Theatre

Visit [www.twinkennedy.com](http://www.twinkennedy.com) for more information.

## [THE HEELS](#)

**The Heels** will be playing at the **Princeton Pub** in Vancouver this **Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 p.m.**

## [MICHELLE SCHULTZ](#)

**Michelle Schultz** is super stoked to be performing at the **Vancouver Stealth Pre-Game Party** this Saturday! She will be performing covers and a few originals with guitarist **Paul Kinman** starting at 5:30 p.m.

## [ROD BLACK & MADELINE MERLO](#)

Congrats to **Rod Black and Madeline Merlo** on their **Country Music Award** nominations at this year's **Canadian Music Week**

## [KENNY HESS/ BECCA HESS](#)

**Kenny Hess** and **Becca Hess** will be getting' the party started for the **Travis Tritt** concert on **April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Fernie BC**. This is one night of music you won't want to miss!

Get your tickets and more info at [www.hessproductions.ca](http://www.hessproductions.ca)

## [JENN MAKEPEACE](#)

Jenn Makepeace is gearing up for her first big festival gig this April! Join her and several other talented artists from Victoria at the 4th annual Creatively United for the Planet Music Showcase, held on the gorgeous grounds of the English Inn (429 Lampson St, Victoria, BC). Since its inception in 2012, this wonderful charity event has seen more than 4,000 people and continues to grow every year. Jenn (along with 6 other artists) will be performing on Saturday, April 25th, with 5 more music acts to follow on Sunday, April 26th. For more information about this event, please go here: <http://creativelyunited.org/festival/>"

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

Twitter: @JennMakepeace

## [SONS COMMAND](#)

**Sons Command, with Danielle MarieMusic and Special Guest The Swagger Kings** are hitting the stage at the Roxy, Sunday, April 26th - 932 Granville Street,

Vancouver, BC. Doors @ 7pm,, Showtime 7:20. Cover \$7 includes Complimentary drink with ticket.

### [CHRIS BUCK BAND](#)

As the boy's are gearing up to release their new music in May they are excited to announce they've been added to the line-up at Rockin River Music Fest ( Merritt) Sunfest Music Festival ( Duncan), Cloverdale Rodeo and playing the Cloverdale Rodeo kick-off party on May 2.

April 3 -4 - Wild Bills ( Banff. Alberta)

April 17 - Hard Rock Casino ( Coquitlam)

April 25-26 - Dawson Creek Rodeo ( Dawson Creek)

May 2 - Cloverdale Rodeo Kick-off Party at Shannon Hall ( \$20 and doors at 7pm , net proceeds go to Cloverdale Youth Initiative Program)

## **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.

### [ARTIST DEVELOPMENT PROJECT](#)

**The Artist Development Project:** Online submissions are open !!! Are you the next Country Music Star ? Do you have what it takes ? Join now until April 15<sup>th</sup> at midnight for your chance to win up to \$25,000 in cash and prizes including a round trip to Nashville for a week stay and a 10 week placement in Canada's Music Incubator at Coalition Music in Toronto !! Tons of performance opportunities including: The Cloverdale Rodeo, Rockin' River Music Fest, Salmon Arm Fair and the BCCMA Awards Show !!!

For more information: [www.bccountry.com](http://www.bccountry.com)

## [BANDS ON THE BEACH](#)

Submissions are open for Bands on the Beach!! Send EPK & submissions to harleybluepub@msn.com. Two days of great music in beautiful Harrison Hot Springs on the September long w/e.

## [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.

Have you got your tickets yet for the festival ? You won't want to miss the party of the year at RRMF in Merritt !!! Get tickets and info at <https://rockinriverfest.com/>

## [AWARDS SHOW](#)

Awards Show: The BCCMA has a tentative date set for the **2015 BCCMA Awards Show** at the **Hard Rock Casino**, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## [ARTIST NEWS](#)

### [BAILEY WAY ENTERTAINMENT](#)

**Jeff Johnson** and **Bailey Way Entertainment** are very excited about the **Wes Mack** tour announcement for the entire Canadian leg of **Shania Twain's "Rock The Country"** tour starting early June 2015. Local Vancouver dates will feature Carly McKillip from One More Girl. Jeff has just finished up production and mixes on Wes Mack's upcoming album.

Congrats to our client and collaborator **Rod Black** whose single "**Keepin On**" celebrated an Independent top 20 hit at Canadian Country Radio. Check out rod's new single "**Long Gone**" available now on itunes.

We are also very excited to introduce **Cash Crawford**, recent signee to the Bailey Way family. Her debut single "**Barefoot In The Backyard**", mixed by **Scott Cooke**, is slated for Canadian radio release this April!!

**Jeff Johnson** and **Aaron Pritchett** teamed up with Jordan Oorbeek to produce two tracks for Invictus Entertainment and Big Star Recording artists "**King and**

**Cash**". Fresh off their Outlaws and Outsider's tour they are pushing for their debut spring radio release.

Other notable work includes co-writes and productions with BCCMA winners **Chris Buck Band, Austin Belle, and Ray Gibson.**

## **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 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](mailto:eamonn@bcccountry.com) by 6pm [PST] on the 28th of every month to be included in the following month's e-Newsletter

## **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@bcccountry.com](mailto:linda@bcccountry.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 !!!!