



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - May 2015

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our May 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

The Artist Development Project is well underway! The talent is evident and the Jury is already working hard at selecting the top 25! We are excited and not only looking forward to the coming announcement but also hearing each of them at the Cloverdale Rodeo!

Our Cloverdale Rodeo team of Geoff Dueck, Cindy Giesbrecht and David Wills are hard at work preparing our venue at the Cloverdale Rodeo to launch one of the greatest BC Country Music Showcases ever! Over 200 volunteers and artists will be there!

Keeping our administrative functions running smoothly is our ever-hard-working, Linda Corscadden! Don't forget to send her huge thanks every chance you get! Linda's tireless efforts come through, loud and clear!

Watch for performance times and schedules for the Rodeo and for the Artist Development Program and see you at the Cloverdale Rodeo!

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

CONDOLENCES

It's with great sadness in hearing the passing of BCCMA Lifetime member **Jack Hunter** on Wednesday, April 29th.

Jack, mostly known for working **Merritt Mountain Music Festival** and the PNE keeping us all fed with great food.

Jack passed away surrounded by friends and family in Abbotsford Regional Hospital after a lengthy illness.

We can just imagine the welcoming party up there from [Todd Nelson](#) and Diana Kelly, RIP Jack, you will be missed by all

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

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

EVENTS

DAVID BORYS

BCCMA member **David Borys** is hosting In The Round at The **Railway Club** on **Thursday May 7th**. The evening will see a variety of songwriters sharing the

stage and playing some of their favorite songs in a stripped-down acoustic performance. The panel for the evening includes the bands **Sons of Daughters** , **Elle-Electric** and BCCMA member **Danielle Marie**.. Show begins at 7pm!

Anyone interested in being a part of one of the In the Round panels please contact the event organizer through the Facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/railwayintheround>

PETER JAMES

On Friday May 8th **Peter James** will be having an evening of singing and good music with a country flavor at the House of James Coffee Shop in **Abbotsford**. Peter just got back after 6 months on a cruise ship. Seating is limited and cover is only ten bucks. Starts at 7:30 pm. Book a table save a seat:

tickets@peterjamesband.com.

More info www.peterjamesband.com/live

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. Stay tuned for more information coming, with a list of artists and schedules of performances.

ARTIST DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Artist Development Project: The project is well under way !!! The panel of selected Industry Judges are hard at work scoring all the submissions and we should have the top 25 to you this week. Stay tuned for more information and goodluck to everyone !

ROCKIN RIVER MUSIC

Rockin River MusicFest: (July 30th thru August 2nd) Just announced yet another artist joining the festival, Chris Young !!!! If you don't have your tickets yet, you better get them fast. This will be the party of the year in Merritt and you wont' want to miss it ! www.rockinriverfest.ca

[AWARDS SHOW](#)

Awards Show: The BCCMA has set the date 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.

[BCCMA/CCMA SPOTLIGHT PERFORMANCE CONTEST](#)

The BCCMA is pleased to be running a contest in tandem with the Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA) to offer ONE (1) BC artist an opportunity to compete for a chance to play alongside Canada's Country greats at Country Music Week in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Sept 10th - 13th, 2015 !

The provincial segment of the contest runs from April 27th, 2015 to June 11th, 2015. Submissions are open NOW and close May 6th at 6pm. A selected panel of Industry Judges (not BCCMA Directors) will narrow the selection down to the top 5 where another round of judging will take place.

The top 3 finalists will then go to a 'fan' vote on our website (not facebook) where each finalist will be required to rally for support from family/friends and fans. The finalist that has the most votes at the end of that round will move onto the CCMA National Finals.

Please visit the website (link below) for full details and submission forms. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at linda@bcccountry.com or 604-533-5088

Good luck to all that enter !!!!

http://www.bccountry.com/siteimages/newsletter65_1.pdf

[OPEN JAMS](#)

Are you in the JAMMIN' mood ?

Merv Tremblay's band hosts a great jam every Sunday at The Cabin 33331 Harbour Ave in Mission. Starts at 3:30 and everyone gets up to play.

Chris Rolin's also does a jam at the Dartford Social house in Maple Ridge, Sundays between 6pm-10pm

ARTIST NEWS

BEN KLICK

Turning 19 in the middle of April, being nominated for an Okanagan Arts Award and "Best of Kelowna" Local Musician, **Ben Klick** is looking forward to travelling to Edmonton and Cloverdale for performances throughout May! Alongside playing with the band at the Cloverdale Rodeo on the May long weekend, Ben is writing some new material and picking the last three songs for the new 6-song EP with **Clay Krasner** and **RyLee Madison** of 7-17 MUSIC!

BEN KLICK & NICOLE SUMERLYN

The 2015 Country Star Search in Edmonton wrapped up this past Saturday and well, we have found out some great news !!! Not only were Rachel Layne, Nicole Sumerlyn, Cynthia Leigh Ann and Ben Klick all in the finals...but rumor has it that BEN KLICK took 1st place for his age category and NICOLE SUMERLYN took 1st place for her age category!!!!

You all make B.C. proud, congrats on making the finals and a huge congrats to Ben & Nicole for taking home the 'bling'. Both Ben & Nicole will be heading to Nashville next March as part of their prize package.

Keep up the great work everyone

CHRIS BUCK BAND

The boys are so excited to have the opportunity to play the Cloverdale Rodeo Kick Off Party May 2 at Shannon Hall. They are also excited to be releasing some of their NEW Music later this month.

Shows in May

Cloverdale Rodeo kick off- May 2

Gabbys -May 7 to 9

Cloverdale Rodeo- May 16 and 17th

The Duke (Victoria) - May 22 and 23rd

Gabbys - May 28 to 30

DANIELLE MARIE

Congratulations to **Danielle Marie** on her nomination for 'ARTIST TO WATCH' IN THIS YEAR'S **Edmonton Music Awards** (June 14 2015). Danielle grew up in

the Edmonton area and we are very happy to have her as one of BC's own! Good luck Danielle!

Danielle Marie has also just released her single What You Can't Have to Country Radio and Itunes. If you haven't had a chance to check it out here is the link:

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/album/what-you-cant-have-single/id982796167>

Danielle Marie will head out on her Western Canada Radio Tour May 19th

SHOWS

May 9th 2:00 pm – pre-Rodeo **Acoustic Showcase Willowbrook Shopping Centre**, Langley, BC

May 17th 3:00 pm – **Cloverdale Rodeo** Hay Wagon Stage

May 17th 9:00 pm – **Cloverdale Rodeo** Shannon Hall Main Stage

Danielle Marie will also be a panelist for the 'In The Round at the Railway Club ~ An Evening With Songwriters' on **May 7th**

ROBYN AND RYLEIGH

Robyn and Ryleigh's debut single on **Royalty Records/ Sony** will be released later in May. The song **I Found You** is a co-write with the girls and Virginia-based **Chris Reardon**, who's written for a couple of past **American Idol** finalists. He also plays lead guitar on the track.

Robyn and Ryleigh and their band will be featured artists on the **Cloverdale Rodeo** main stage, and will also perform on the BCCMA stage in Shannon Hall

May Dates:

May 1st- Chances Casino – Chilliwack

May 9th- (afternoon) **Cloverdale Rodeo** Kickoff – Willowbrook Mall , Langley

May 9th- Chances Casino – Maple Ridge

May 16th- Cloverdale Rodeo – Main Stage and BCCMA Stage, Cloverdale

May 24th- Campbell Valley Winery Tour/Backyard Winery, Langley

DaniELLE

Thanks to the BCCMA **DaniELLE** will be playing at the Cloverdale Rodeo on Saturday May 16th on the Hay Wagon stage and at 6pm in Shannon Hall!

DaniELLE has also made it into the Semi Finals for the Rock The Mic Contest at **The Hard Rock Casino** and will be competing on **Thursday May 14th!**

You can keep up with **DaniELLE** on her website www.DaniELLEOfficial.com

ROD BLACK

Friday, May 15th - Cloverdale Rodeo

Sunday, May 24th - The Roxy , with JoJo Mason & The Heels

Canadian Summer Tour being announced soon

FIONN (ALANNA & BRIANNE)

The girls have a busy month ahead including the following local gigs:

May 8th 8:00pm – The Washington Avenue Grille, 15782 Marine Drive, Surrey

May 16th 6:00 pm – The Roadhouse 1781 King George Blvd., Surrey

May 24th 10:00 am – 1:30 pm – The White Rock Farmers Market

May 29th 6:00pm - The Roadhouse 1781 King George Blvd., Surrey

May 31st 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – The Coquitlam Farmers Market

TWIN KENNEDY

Fresh off the release of their debut album It's A Love Thing, **Twin Kennedy** will perform an official showcase at Canadian Country Music Week in Toronto this May.

Twin Kennedy performs in the Country Showcase at the **Cadillac Lounge** on Friday May 8th at 10:00 pm.

SONS COMMAND

Radio/Show Tour Dates So Far:

-**Monday, May 4**-MEET N' GREET, Jody Seeley, High River, AB,

-**Monday, May 4**-Shaw TV Interview, Lethbridge, AB,

-**Wednesday, May 6**-CTV Morning Live, Winnipeg, MB,

-**Wednesday, May 6**-MEET N' GREET/Boardroom Show QX-FM, Winnipeg,MB,

-**Wednesday, May 6**-Shaw TV, Winnipeg, MB,

-**Friday, May 8** – CTV Morning Live, Ottawa On

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 next months 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