



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - June 2015

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our June 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

From the Desk of the President

BC Country Music Rocks!

I just came back from the most amazing weekend in Country Music! Our BC Country Music Association Artists brought the house down at the Cloverdale Rodeo! Not only did we have over 80 performances, many of our Artists performed on the other stages at the Rodeo too!

It has been the stated objective of our Association, in our service to our membership, "to provide showcase opportunities for our Artists in the best places possible with the best production possible to display our talents in the highest way possible."

WE DID IT!!

We did it with an incredible foundation that started with the Cloverdale Rodeo providing us the use of Shannon Hall and outside space to host an Outdoor 'Hay Wagon' stage and indoor, "party all night", high production stage.

Director, Geoff Dueck, pulled out all the stops and brought his dream team together to build a stage production and sound and light experience that is

usually reserved for the Bigs! Most of the backline was supplied by Long and McQuade, lighting and video was provided by Arctech Audio and the Awards Show Video was built by Silverstone Media.

Special thanks goes out to John Higgins with his amazing video editing, Sound engineer Scott Findlay (Road Hammers, Chad Brownlee), Audio engineer Carl Schmidt and Rico Domirti. Stage Manager Terry Gray, Lead Assistants Murray Bureyke and Rob Milford!

Our showcase Artists and our Artist Development Project contestants were treated to a quality of sound and stage support that will inspire them to strive to be their best!

A real highlight for me was meeting and getting to know many of you personally. You shared with me so many things, from working with our Board and volunteers to hearing the stories of so many that are trying to eke out a career in Country Music. You are all talented and hard working and I truly hope your careers will be lifelong and rewarding.

This family that we call the BC Country Music Association is growing, and growing together. As we continue to support one another and encourage each other to be the best that we can be, there is nothing that we can't achieve together.

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

HALL OF FAME SHOW at the Cloverdale Rodeo

[BUD WEBB](#)

BCCMA Hall Of Fame member **Bud Webb** sends the following heartfelt greeting:

Hello folks, I would just like to thank all of you who did such a great job at the Cloverdale Rodeo. I was so honoured to get to be a part of the Hall of Fame show along with Ron Irving, and Kenny Hess. Karen Lee Batten did an

AWESOME job fronting this whole show. Thanks Karen Lee!! The sound was great thanks to Terry & Carl I think the BCCMA needs to take a big bow. Great Job well done hope you do it all again next year. Hug's to you all Bud Webb

OPPORTUNITIES

[ARTIST DEVELOPMENT PROJECT](#)

TOP 10 ARTISTS ANNOUNCED

The BCCMA and Music BC have announced the Top 10 acts in the running for the BCCMA Artist Development Project. After 25 exhilarating adjudicated performances at the Cloverdale Rodeo, the artists continuing on in the program are:

Rod Black, Megan Twist, Cash Crawford, Brad Darrid, Dave Hartney, Ben Klick, Danielle Marie, JoJo Mason, Lanie McAuley, & Lisa Nicole.

Due to scheduling conflicts, Chris Buck and Sons of Daughters had to forfeit their spot in the ADP contest which led to Lisa Nicole and Megan Twist being advanced to the next round.

The Top 10 will attend a 2 day music business boot camp, followed by live performances at Rockin River Music Festival in Merrit, BC. The program is designed to offer aspiring country artists education, showcase opportunities and funding, to build and nurture their careers. The winning artist will perform at the BCCMA awards, and participate in a 10 week Artist Entrepreneur Program at Coalition Music in Toronto, and take home over \$10,000 in cash and prizes.

Thank you to all of the contestants in this contest. You are ALL winners !!!! Goodluck to those top 10 advancing to round 3 in Merritt at the Rockin' River Music Festival !!!

The BCCMA and Music BC would also like to extend a special THANK YOU to the Judges for round 1 & 2 who volunteered their time in support of the Artist Development Project:

Curtis Pope, Country 107.1 Abbotsford

Casey Clark, Roo Phelps, 100.7 Penticton

Louis Big Rig McIvor, Country 103 Kamloops

David Wills, BCCMA Director

Jay Buettner, BCCMA Industry Member

Karen Lee Batten, BCCMA Female Vocalist of the Year

Ron & Sue Irving - Past BCCMA Directors

Angela Harris - Past BCCMA Director

Paul Shatto - Industry Member/ Producer

[BCCMA/CCMA \(Provincial Segment\) Spotlight Performance Contest:](#)

The BCCMA Board of Directors would like to CONGRATULATE the TOP THREE (3) artists who will be moving forward from Round Two, to the Final Round of the BC segment of the CCMA Spotlight Performance Contest 2015:

JoJo Mason, Danielle Marie and Ben Klick

The live performance videos for these final three (3) contestants are posted on our BCCMA Website, www.bccountry.com/precontest.asp

Each of the top three will be responsible to rally fan support, direct fans to the BCCMA contest page and lobby for votes. You can vote once a day, every day the contest is open. The artist with the most votes at the close of voting will move on to compete nationally, representing BC in the CCMA Spotlight Performance Contest 2015.

Voting opened May 26th, 2015 at 10:00 am and **closes** June 9th, 2015 4pm [PST]

At this time, we would like to thank all of the entrants for the time and thoroughness of their submissions.

The BCCMA Board of Directors would also like to extend a special THANK YOU to the Judges who volunteered their time in support of the BCCMA:

Curtis Pope Country 107.1 Abbotsford

Barbara Beam JRFM 93.7 Vancouver

Ron & Sue Irving Past BCCMA Directors

Angela Harris Past BCCMA Director

Angela Kelman Farmers Daughter

Thank you everyone for your continued support in Country Music in B.C. !

EVENTS

[RIDE 2 SURVIVE PARTY](#)

The **Ride 2 Survive** will be hosting their "**Welcome In Party**" in the **Cactus Club parking lot in North Delta (120th Street and 80 Avenue) on June 20th**. The organizers are requesting another live music act to play alongside Michelle Schultz around 8:00pm. If you are interested in performing (this would be a volunteer position), please contact Michelle Schultz at m_schultzmusic@hotmail.com ASAP. Equipment will be provided (PA and microphones), acoustic acts only.

[ROCKIN RIVER MUSICFEST](#)

Rockin' River MusicFest: (July 30th thru August 2nd) If you don't have your tickets, you best get them soon ! This will be the party of the year. For more information go to www.rockinriverfest.com

[DON ADAMS](#)

CAN YOU SAY "TRIPLE CROWN " ?

Its will be a big day at the track June 6th due to the horse "American Pharaoh" trying to be the first horse in 30 years to win the triple crown and TOPAZ will provide the Entertainment. The races are from 1:50-6:00 with Topaz playing in-between each race and a dance set at the end. Fun for all ages, music and horses, now that's Country at its finest

"SNOWBIRD"

The life and times of **Anne Murray** starring Laura Gillespie backed up by "Topaz" will perform as part of the "**Afternoon Delight**" Series at the **Hard Rock Casino** June 23rd, Show times 11am . Pasta Buffet included - Show and Buffet \$ 10.00
What a great concept afternoon show, buffet all for **\$ 10.00**

Coming attractions: Tributes to , Frank Sinatra, Elvis, Michale Buble, Patsy Cline.

www.hardrockcasinovancover.com

[A MESSAGE FROM CLOVERDALE RODEO & EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION](#)

The **Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition Association** is a non-profit organization that manages the world famous **Cloverdale Rodeo & Country Fair** in British Columbia, Canada.

For our event this year a tremendous amount of time, talent and treasure was contributed by **BCCMA artists, producers, techs and Board members** for the 85,000 + Country Fair attendees. The 4 day event featured over 90 hours of live music performed by BCCMA musicians on two stages: the Hay Wagon Stage and Shannon Hall stage. One of your members, **Karen Lee Batten**, also opened our five Rodeo performances singing the anthems and emceed the event too!

We are happy to say that big plans and positive additions are in the works for 2016, and we invite you all back to showcase for a very appreciative country music crowd.

Please send any suggestions to: info@CloverdaleRodeo.com. Like us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

From our Association and membership to yours: Thank You for your contribution to the Cloverdale Rodeo & Country Fair!

A message from Past BCCMA President Shannon Claypool:

“I would like to thank the all of the BCCMA directors and members that worked to put on a great event at the 2015 Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair.”

Shannon Claypool
President
Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair.

PRESSERS

DALLAS SMITH, SCOTT COOKE ALEX SEIF

Some pretty exciting news for BCCMA Artists Dallas Smith, Scott Cooke and Alex Seif as they announce their new label STEELHEAD MUSIC!!! They are celebrating their first signing with Manitoba-based Country duo ‘Petric’.

The first single “Here Goes Everything” was premiered on Monday May 25th on Winnipeg Country Station QX104’s Drive At 5 program. The Steelheadn Music Press release is:

Toronto ON (May 21 2015) Following his win for Country Album of The Year at the 2015 JUNO Awards, Country star and multi-platinum selling artist Dallas Smith has much to celebrate, including today’s announcement of his latest venture, record label Steelhead Music. Together with partners Alex Seif (Union

Entertainment Group) and Scott Cooke (Producer: Chase Rice, Cold Creek Country) Smith is set to provide artists of all genres with a label home and platform to grow – giving back to the musical community that has supported him thus far.

“With nearly 15 years as an artist in this business I’ve been through every up and down imaginable” says Smith. “I’m in a fortunate and unique position to offer my knowledge and support to new artists just like others did for me when I was starting out. Scott and Alex are both great friends and are very talented in what they do in this business. I’m excited to partner with them to bring new deserving artists a secure platform and home where they can learn, grow and succeed”,

Scott Cooke adds “Steelhead Music is about never settling. We are thrilled to offer our many years of experience and our expertise to artists who want to work as hard as we do”

With over 15 years in the music business, the development and launch of a label was a natural progression for Smith, whose latest album “Lifted” garnered him a number of accolades and awards including a 2015 JUNO Award, a Sirius XM Indie Award, a number 1 single for “Wastin Gas” and the platinum certification of his hit single “Tippin Point”.

For more information on Steelhead Music please visit

www.steelheadmusic.com/

www.facebook.com/steelheadmusicinc

www.twitter.com/steelheadmusic

www.instagram.com/steelheadmusic

CONSCIOUS REDNECKS

Introducing the **Conscious Rednecks**, a group formed as a studio recording project aimed at bringing a fresh new sound to the ‘Roots/ Americana’ country genre. The Rednecks' unique sound and well-crafted songs have been brought to life through some of the Canadian country music scene’s hottest players. **Lloyd and Ted Tosoff, Shawn Soucy and George Wolf** are the band's founding members.

The upcoming album to be complete in fall 2015 will include high energy country rockers, Texas swing and songs that speak to topical issues and social commentary.

The Conscious Rednecks' music is heart stirring, thought provoking Americana.
<http://www.consciousrednecks.com/>,
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Conscious-Rednecks/1493771627565353>,
https://twitter.com/Words_music

DOUG FOLKINS

BCCMA Writer Doug Folkins is on Fire!

2015 has been good for Campbell River songwriter, Doug Folkins.

Cuts (year to date):

- "When Those Sirens Are Gone" - Radio Single by Kevin Davison (Nova Scotia)
- "Spread Some Good Time Around" - Radio Single by Andrew Frelick (Nova Scotia)
- "You Don't Know That" - Radio Single by Abby Stewart (Ontario)
- "Spinning Around" - Radio Single by Matt Williams (Ontario)
- "Without You I've Got Nothing" - Radio Single by Andrew Frelick (Nova Scotia)
- "Gravity" - Album cut by Kevin Davison (Nova Scotia)
- "I'm A Mess" - Album cut by Kevin Davison (Nova Scotia)

TV Placements:

2 song placements on National Geographic Channel's series "Filthy Riches"

Upcoming BCCMA Projects:

- Co-wrote songs for the forthcoming new CD from BCCMA member, Todd Richard
- Working with BCCMA artists and writers: Ben Klick, Michelle Shultz, Nicole Summerlyn, and David Boryes.

Doug is signed with Nashville-based publisher **Lynn Gann Music Enterprises (LGME)**

"Doug Folkins is songwriter on the rise, whom I'm very excited to be working with," **Lynn Gann**. "He is hard working, talented, diverse, and can cover multiple genres. I know we will make a great team and I predict we will be very successful together."

Please connect with Doug if you'd like to schedule a co-write at:
dougfolkins@gmail.com

ARTIST NEWS

ROBYN & RYLEIGH

R + R's first single on Royalty Records/Sony was released this past week. 'I Found You' was the #2 most downloaded Indie track on DMDS at radio. The track was produced by Paul Shatto and David Wills, and written by Robyn and Ryleigh with Chris Reardon, who's written for past American Idol contestants.

The girls finished off a busy May by performing at the first JRFM Backyard BBQ of the summer, a rocking' block party held on the street of the winner in Cloverdale's Clayton neighborhood.

Robyn and Ryleigh now head to the BC Interior and on to Alberta to begin a busy schedule of live shows and radio promotions. In mid June, R + R will record more new music for their upcoming Royalty EP at the beautiful new OCL Studios outside of Calgary.

Appearances:

June 6th - ActionFest, Summerland B.C.

June 7th - ActionFest, Summerland, B.C.

June 10th- 93.1 The One Stage, LeDuc, AB

June 11th- Ranchman's Industry showcase, Calgary AB

June 12th- Pete Knight Days, Crossfield, AB

June 13th- Pete Knight Days, Crossfield, AB

June 27th- Golden Spike Days, Port Moody, B.C.

PAUL SHATTO

Vancouver based Producer/Mixer Paul Shatto recently produced and mixed the newest album for Sony Australia country artists Jetty Road. The first two singles from the Hearts On Fire album have now hit #1 and #5 respectively on the Aus country charts. Much of the guitar work on the album features BCCMA all-star musician Jay Buettner.

Paul also co-produced and mixed the newest music for Robyn and Ryleigh (Royalty Records/Sony), in addition to being sound editor on the ABC series drama Motive, and the SyFy network's Stephen King-inspired series Haven.

RON IRVING/ TIMEWALKERS

Ron Irving and his band *THE TIMEWALKERS* will play a "Boppin In The Park" concert at Douglas Park, Langley, BC On Friday, June 19th at 6 PM - 8 PM. Free!

Ron Irving
SueCo Music
Vancouver, Canada
1.604.306.2695
www.starbirdmusic.net

[RAQUEL COLE](#)

Excited to announce **Raquel Cole** as one of the 6 Finalists in this year's **CCMA Discovery Program!** The program entailed an industry showcase at the Gibson Lounge (Toronto) and a due to come performance at the 3rd annual Discovery Showcase held at **Country Music Week** this September in Halifax! In the meantime, Cole is playing various shows in Canada and the US, recently performing a forty minute set of mostly original music at one of Toronto's most popular country stops, the **Cadillac Lounge**, during Canadian Music Week. Cole is slated to open for **Diamond Rio** in Fernie, BC, and Regina, SK, this summer. See dates at her website: www.raquelcole.com

[PETER JAMES](#)

Peter James will be performing with his band at the Town Hall in Abbotsford Friday, June 12th from 8pm to 10pm.

[DANIELLE SEVERNISKI](#)

Exciting News!! DaniELLE has made it into the **Calgary Stampede Talent Search Contest!!** She will be competing during the Stampede at the **Boyce Theatre**. She will also be playing at other venues throughout the stampede park. You can check the dates, times and keep up with her journey in the contest at www.DaniELLEOfficial.com

DaniELLE will be performing at the Pitt Meadows Day Celebrations (June 6th) at Harris Road Park in Pitt Meadows at 2:30pm.

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

[AMANDA THATE](#)

Amanda Thate will be opening for the **Oak Ridge Boys** in Vernon on June 7 and is performing at the **Calgary Stampede** on July 7th.) She will also be playing in concert at the Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament on **June 30th**, after the opening ceremonies.

WHISKEY JANE

Whiskey Jane is proud to welcome new lead vocalist **Jacqueline Breakwell** to the group! The band is set to hit the clubs and festivals again this summer with their new sound and are hard at work writing new material for their next album.

Upcoming dates include

July 9-11 (Gabbys)

July 16-19 (Roosters)

August 13-15 (Ranchmans)

Oct 1-3 (Gabbys)

AJAYE JARDINE

Ajaye Jardine's debut self-titled EP is due to release on iTunes on **Tuesday June 9th 2015**. Ajaye recorded this EP with producers **Jane Bach** and **Duane Sciacqua** at Rough Edges Studios in Nashville in March 2015. Session musicians include: **Glen Duncan, Mike Chapman, Chris Leuzinger, Steve Holland and Roger Morris**.

You can stream the EP on her ReverbNation page leading up to the release at <http://www.reverbNation.com/ajayejardine>

Other social media information is:

www.ajayejardine.com

www.facebook.com/ajayejardine

www.twitter.com/ajayejardine

www.youtube.com/ajayejardine

CYNTHIA LEIGH-ANN

Cynthia will be playing the **Peachland and Summerland Markets** every Saturday 9am to 1pm in June 2015. Come out to hear great music and enjoy wonderful food. We will be offering up some great talent!

She will also be playing Penticton's **Talent Downtown** all June weekends.

KRISTAL BARRETT-STUART

The Sparkle Project BC has officially released "**Sparkle**," a new feel-good anthem co-written by **Kristal Barrett-Stuart** and Juno Award-winning singer-songwriter **Carolyn Dawn Johnson** (also produced by CDJ) along with an inspirational music video to help inspire and empower young girls (and women)

everywhere to sparkle bright! The music video is viewable [here](#) and available on [iTunes](#).

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 e-NEWSLETTER.

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