



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - July 2015

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our July 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

Summer Festival Season is upon us and I hope you have booked yourself into as many as possible!

The Top Ten Artist Development artists just completed Boot Camp at **Studio Downe Under** in Abbotsford! Now, they will move on to perform at the **Rockin' River Music Festival** in sunny Merritt BC! There, the top five will be chosen to enter the next phase of development and will receive an invitation to perform at BC Interior's largest fair, the prestigious **IPE, Interior Provincial Exhibition** in Armstrong, B.C.

Check out BCCMA artist releases to radio this summer too! Our artists are being played from sea to shining sea!

Last, but not least, we are preparing for the BC Country Music Association Awards Show weekend! Stay tuned for our exciting showcases, awards and a great, old-fashioned country hoe-down celebration!

Have a great summer and I will see you in August!

Brian Thate
President
BC Country Music Association

MEMBERSHIP

Just a friendly reminder that your BCCMA Membership **may** be up for renewal. All memberships with an expiry date of **July 2015** must be renewed by **July 31st, 2015** in order to be eligible to **vote or be nominated** for the BCCMA Awards coming up, October 25th, 2015.

Please check your membership cards expiry date, **if it says Jul/15 YOU NEED TO RENEW**. If you are unsure of your renewal date, you can log in to your BCCMA profile to find out at <http://www.bccountry.com/awardsvote/>

Your user name is your membership number, found at the top left hand side of your membership card. If you can't remember your username/password, please click on <http://www.bccountry.com/awardsvote/emailinfodgd.htm>

Once logged in, click on 'Edit Member Profile' , your expiry date is at the top of your name in **RED**. If it says 7/31/2015, you need to renew. You can renew online right from your member profile. Click on 'Member Menu' and select RENEW.

Please remember that your membership must up to date with a new expiry date of July 2016. This is YOUR Awards, YOUR VOTE/VOICE COUNTS.

OPPORTUNITIES

[ARTIST DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - FEEDBACK](#)

Brad Darrid

"The ADP contest has been so inspiring! Although I have heard some of the information before, the way that it's presented in the separate challenges really helps me visualize what's needed to succeed in the business of music. A highlight for me was the song writing challenge with Duane Steele. We brought a song to the group and we were critiqued and challenged to apply the group comments and present the changes to the song the following day. My challenge was to completely change the tempo and chord structure of the song. Wow... what a difference. I am really excited about the tune now and plan to continue with the ADP advice when recording the song! Thanks again for all the effort and vision that went into presenting all of us with this opportunity."

Ben Klick

"After day one of the Bootcamp, I can't be more thankful, happy, and honoured to be a part of this. Within the first 10 minutes, I had a full page of notes. The information that was given to us all throughout the day is invaluable. Crazy thing to think about is there's still one more day full of information! I can't wait for tomorrow!"

Everyone who came in and talked, all the artists, Mike and Tianna, the studio, it's all been a fantastic experience!

It has been an honour and a blessing to be a part of the Artist Development Project this far! From the performance opportunities to the endless amount of knowledge the BCCMA has to offer, as well as from each presenter at the bootcamp, it has allowed me to learn more about myself as an artist and about my career moving forward in the Canadian Country Music Industry. The BCCMA and the Artist Development Project has solidified the fact that the Country Music industry in BC is one big family. This opportunity has directed new fans and supporters to my Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts creating a broader fan base across BC. Everyone in the Top 10 is incredibly talented with their unique styles, and this project has allowed each one of us to make new friends, network with each other, and establish a relationship that will last a lifetime!"

Megan Twist

"This opportunity is incredible and I am so appreciative. The boot camp was one of the most amazing experiences. Being able to connect with the other artists and industry professionals was fantastic and I learnt so much. It was jam packed with useful knowledge and people to help us grow as artists. The food and location were incredible too! I am so thankful to everyone involved and I never thought I would be a part of something this special."

Dave Hartney

"The course was so great. Thank you guys for doing this. I'm reading the book Bob D'Eith gave us and so much of this I wish I had known a few years ago. Every aspect was really useful, which is not easy to do with a room full of people at different stages of development. Really really great!"

Rod Black

"I just want to say I was absolutely blown away by the hospitality and the knowledge that you all shared with us, that experience will forever be with me."

Lanie McCauley

"When I called my Mom on the drive home from ADP Boot Camp, she said, "How was it? What was it all about?" And my response was: "Honestly - if this is all that making the Top 10 entailed - attending Boot Camp and having access to all the information and networking that we got to experience - I would be happy."

As excited as I am for Rockin' River Fest, Boot Camp was an invaluable crash-course on having a career in music. As a developing artist, we spend so much time looking for answers (or having to find them in roundabout ways), so it was a treat being offered the chance to have reputable players in the industry sit down with us and share their wisdom. I think I speak for all of the artists when I

say that the speakers who were brought in were so knowledgeable and happy to elaborate on any topics we were dying to discuss.

The cherry on top was not only meeting and networking with these speakers, but getting to know the other artists in Top 10. It was cool to see how diverse we all are while pursuing the same dream and sharing a passion for country music. I could go on and on, but in short, I will say that I left that weekend feeling educated, challenged, empowered... and up a few friends."

Danielle Marie

"I would first off like to thank the BC Country Music Association for being so welcoming and supportive of me and all the other artists in this family. We are all truly blessed to be a part of something so special. This organization is only going to keep growing and getting stronger, and we're all seeing this happen right in front of our eyes. Being a part of the ADP and having the opportunity to learn from and get to know so many talented people in this industry was an amazing experience.

I can't even begin to thank you all enough for this. The amount of information that myself and the other finalists received in a matter of 2 days was incredible. It was really great for us to be in that environment at Studio Downe Under with our fellow BCCMA members and to really get to know one another, that was my favourite part of the whole weekend for sure :)

Everyone is so talented and unique in their own way and I'm excited to see where everyone goes in the future... far, I'm sure! I found the business portion of the weekend very useful, being so young, it's good for me to keep hearing about it and learning. I can't wait to apply this all to my career! All of the instructors are so good at what they do and the ADP really went out of their way to give us the best of the best!

Next year's ADP are in for a treat, this is a very exciting time for this organization, and country music in BC! Thank you again, I am so honoured to have been a part of this and I can't wait for Rockin River Music Fest in Merritt!

EVENTS

[BLUE FROG STUDIOS PRESENTS](#)

RIDLEY BENT with special guests **Fionn**

Friday July 10, 2015 | Doors: 7:00pm | Music: 8:00pm

Ridley Bent is back with his latest release **Wildcard**. The 2009 CCMA nominee and 7-time BCCMA winner's storytelling and

songwriting chops are sharper than ever. Although the tales are still as tall as they come, and the characters as large as life or larger, the cast of hard-drinking, fast-driving characters Ridley unleashes on Wildcard tend to be a shade less hell-bent on self-destruction than they are with keeping their lives between the lines and out of the ditch.

Fionn is comprised of twin sisters **Alanna & Brianne Finn-Morris** from White Rock, BC. The girls have performed throughout the Lower Mainland and at several venues in Nashville. They have performed live on CBC radio several times and have appeared on TV's **Urban Rush and The Proposal** In 2014 they caught the attention of famed songwriter and producer **Steve Dorff** and recorded their first EP with him in Los Angeles & Nashville. They are currently busy writing songs for their first album. fionnband.com

Tickets at: bluefrogstudios.ca or call 604.542.3055

[CACTUS ANNIE'S](#)

Cactus Annie's in Merritt is hosting the Country & Western Musicians Reunion July 3rd from 4pm - 1am and on Saturday July 4th from 4pm to 1am.

Blues & Bluegrass pickers are welcome. Rooms available by reservation, Free RV parking at the back of the bar. Food and drink specials for the event. Sound system is on site, just bring your music & instruments !

For more information call Melva 250-378-2254 or Murray Tremblay 250-378-2848

[ROCKIN RIVER MUSICFEST](#)

Rockin River MusicFest: (July 30th thru August 2nd) is fast approaching ! If you don't have your tickets yet, WHY NOT !!! This is going to be the party of the year. So many great additions this year, you're not going to want to miss any of it. Find out all the info and get tickets/camping at www.rockinriverfest.com

[AWARDS SHOW](#)

The **2015 BCCMA Awards Show** is at the **Hard Rock Casino**, October 25th 2015. We will be having a 2 day event, with a show case on the Saturday, Seminar and then our Awards on the Sunday. Stay tuned for more information as tickets will be going on sale in AUGUST !

PRESS RELEASES

DALLAS SMITH, BRETT KISSEL, TIM HICKS – 2015 CCMA AWARDS SHOW

June 25, 2014 (Toronto, ON) – The Canadian Country Music Association® (CCMA®) unveiled today that **Tim Hicks, Brett Kissel, and Dallas Smith** will perform on the **2015 CCMA Awards Show**, as will special international guests, **Florida Georgia Line**. These are the first acts announced to take the stage as part of the 2015 CCMA Awards Show, which will broadcast on **CBC-TV** at 8 p.m. local time (8:30 p.m. NT) with an encore airing on **CMT (Canada)** at 10 p.m. ET/7 p.m. PT on **Sunday, September 13**.

Taking place in Halifax, Nova Scotia for the first time in over 30 years, the CCMA is thrilled to be bringing both Country Music Week and the 2015 CCMA Awards Show to Atlantic Canada this fall. “This year’s CCMA Awards Show will have a whole new look and feel compared to years passed,” said **Don Green, President of the Canadian Country Music Association**. “Awards shows, just like country music, are constantly evolving. We think country music fans new and old, and viewers both at home and in the stands will all take memorable moments away from this year’s big event. For fans who plan on attending the 2015 CCMA Awards Show in-person: get your tickets now! We anticipate a sold-out crowd for this unforgettable event.”

CONSCIOUS REDNECKS

New Canadian Country Act Conscious Rednecks debut release “One Shot at a Time”, a trend setting classic country song.

The **‘Rednecks’** are a band of seasoned veterans well-known to the west coast music scene. With session master **Shawn Soucy** on drums, country veteran **George L. Wolf** on bass, producer, engineer and guitarist **Ted Tosoff** creating the sounds behind the vocals and well-crafted lyrics of songwriter **Lloyd Tosoff**, this band produces its own distinctive brand of country.

Their debut release, **“One Shot at a Time”** is a poignant classic about a rising star that falls prey to the demon of alcohol. An excerpt from the song brings back memories of so many great singers lost to the scourge of addiction over the years, in particular one of the greatest country voices of all time, Keith Whitley.

This is a group with great things to come so watch for the Conscious Rednecks’ first single on country radio in the coming weeks and for their upcoming CD, **“Beyond the Shadow of a Doubt”** in the late fall of 2015.

Conscious Rednecks debut single **“One Shot at a Time”** can be heard at <https://youtu.be/TbV8mPP0Suk>

and is available for sale online at CD Baby on their website at <http://www.consciousrednecks.com/> and at CD Baby <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/consciousrednecks?SourceCode=widgetbaby>.

Like them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Conscious-Rednecks/1493771627565353?fref=ts>

Follow on Twitter at https://twitter.com/Words_music

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STEPHANO BARBERIS

MUSIC VIDEO DIRECTED BY STEPHANO BARBERIS WINS 2015 CMAO VIDEO OF THE YEAR

May 26th, 2015 - (Markham, Ontario Canada) - The Stephano-directed "I Only Smoke When I Drink" music video for [Small Town Pistols](#) has won the award for Video Of The Year at last night's CMAO Awards in Markham, Ontario.

Last night's win at the Country Music Association Of Ontario Awards brings the total number of directorial and video awards Barberis or his videos have won to an astonishing 29 out of over 60 nominations crossing multiple music genres.

Stephano Barberis' cinematic and distinctive touch can now be seen on over 140 music videos. Periodically surprising the audience by sea change stylistic metamorphosis, the director's epic work manages to be both familiar and completely re-inventing, often at the same time.

"I Only Smoke When I Drink" can be viewed here:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nj3JjeQqewU&hd=1>

Stephano has also moved into the 2nd ballot at the 2015 CCMA's for Video Director Of The Year.

ARTIST NEWS

PAT CHESSELL

May and June were busy months for **Pat Chessell** with his debut country single, **"Fuel on the Fire"** being released to country radio across the country. The track received considerable airplay in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes. The song was co-written by Pat and his oldest brother, Shawn and features Pat alongside

Steve Dawson (slide guitar), Nathan Powell (fiddle) and Tim Renaud (bass, drums, backing vox).

PC will be spending the rest of his summer focusing on festivals and songwriting.

APPEARANCES

July 1 - Canada Day - John Lawson Park, West Vancouver - 4:30pm

July 17 - Solo Pub Show - Jimmy Mac's, Langley - 4:00pm

July 17 & 18 - Dublin Crossing - Surrey - 9pm

July 18 - Fusion Festival - Holland Park, Surrey - 5:30pm

And every Thursday at Mahony and Sons (Burrard Landing location) at 6pm

[TWIN KENNEDY](#)

TWIN KENNEDY will be touring throughout BC and Alberta this summer. They will be sharing songs from their new album, **It's a Love Thing**, which has already received a nomination for Producer of the Year (George Canyon and Graham Sharkey) at the 2015 Western Canadian Music Awards. **It's a Love Thing** is also on the second ballot of the Canadian Country Music Awards for Album Design of the Year and Producer of the Year.

July 7th and 8th - Bottlescrew Bills - Calgary Stampede, Alberta

July 11th - Blue Chair Cafe (with The Doll Sisters) - Edmonton, Alberta

July 26th - The Roxy (opening for Sons Command) - Vancouver, BC

August 2nd - Rockin River Music Festival - Merritt, BC

August 4th - Harmony Arts Festival - Vancouver, BC

August 31st - Butchart Gardens - Victoria, BC

Visit www.twinkennedy.com for more information.

[FIONN \(formerly ALANNA & BRIANNE\)](#)

Fionn are super excited about opening for **Ridley Bent** at White Rock's **Blue Frog Studios** on July 10th 2015 (see EVENTS, above.)

As past winners of the **Diamond On The Rock** Contest the girls had the pleasure of opening the now-annual grand finale of that contest at **Blue Frog Studios** on June 14th 2015. Check out the video of that live performance on their [YouTube](#) channel!

Currently confirmed July dates are:

July 1st - Canada Day By The Bay, White Rock Beach 4:00 pm

July 10th – Jose & Company Jewellers Client Appreciation BBQ, South Surrey
11:30 am – 2:30 pm
July 10th – Blue Frog Studios – Opening For **Ridley Bent** – 8:00 pm
July 12th – Coquitlam Farmers’ Market, Coquitlam BC – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
July 17th – Washington Avenue Grill, Marine Drive White Rock BC – 8:00 pm
July 23rd – Krause Berry Farms 6179-248th St. Langley BC – 4:30 – 8:30 pm
July 24th – Music At The Cannery, Stevenson BC
July 26th – Krause Berry Farms 6179-248th St. Langley BC – 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
July 29th – Garden City Park Musical Evenings, Richmond BC – 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Website; <https://www.fionnband.com>

Youtube; https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcuQUwAWS7S-V1NdC4_UbuQ

[LISA NICOLE](#)

Make sure to tune into your local country stations as her new single **“Do You Like That”** has been released to radio across Canada. You can find the lyric video on her YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/lisanicolekienas. In other news, Lisa is honored to be in the **Top 10 of the BCCMA & Music BC Artist Development Project**.

You can follow Lisa’s progress on her social media sites listed below:
Check out her latest YouTube cover of Taylor Swift’s “Bad Blood”.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2FR_2Di4KE

Lisa will also be touring across BC and AB throughout July.

July 8th – Calgary Stampede – Calgary, AB
July 11th – The Element – Castlegar, BC
July 15th – The Elk and Oarsmann – Banff, AB
July 16th – Mikey’s Juke Joint – Calgary, AB
July 17th – The Olive Tree – Edson, AB
July 18th – Chances Casino – Dawson Creek, BC
July 20th – Crown and Anchor – Grande Prairie, AB
July 22nd – Sharks Sports Lounge – Peace River, AB
July 23rd – Artspace – Prince George, BC
July 24th – Ashcroft River Inn – Ashcroft, BC
July 25th – Lillooet Apricot Festival – Lillooet, BC
July 31st – Rockin’ River Music Festival – Merritt, BC

Website: www.lisanicolemusic.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lisanicolemusic

Twitter/Instagram: [@lisanicolemusic](#)

YouTube: www.youtube.com/lisanicolekienas

[DANIELLE SEVERNISKI](#)

DaniELLE has got a busy month ahead of her working on new music, heading to the Calgary Stampede and playing other tour dates throughout July!

Upcoming Dates Include:

July 6, 2pm - Calgary Stampede - Agruim Western Event Centre

July 7, 6pm - Calgary Stampede Talent Search Contest - Boyce Theatre

July 9, 11.30am - Calgary Stampede - Western Oasis in BMO Centre

July 9, 2.30pm - Calgary Stampede - Agrium Western Events Centre (National Anthems)

July 16, 9pm - Hard Rock Casino Vancouver - The Asylum

July 18, 5pm - Aldergrove Day's

More info & dates to be added: Go to www.DaniELLEOfficial.com

[NICOLE SUMERLYN](#)

With the summer of 2015 well on its way **Nicole Sumerlyn** is very excited for the upcoming shows in the next few months.

Nicole has been very busy with songwriting in the past few weeks, and looks forward to releasing the new material. Sumerlyn is currently recording and encourages anyone that would like to set up writing sessions, to contact her at: nicolesumerlyn@gmail.com

Shows:

July 3rd: Memorial Park, Kelowna - 7:00

July 4th: Outdoor City Centre Stage, Big White - 4:00

July 4th: Showshoe Pub, Big White - 9:30

July 18th: Aldergrove Fair Days - 4:00

Social Media:

nicolesumerlyn.com

[facebook.com/nicolesumerlyn](https://www.facebook.com/nicolesumerlyn)

twitter.com/nicolesumerlyn

[youtube.com/nicolesumerlyn](https://www.youtube.com/nicolesumerlyn)

#LETSGETCOUNTRY - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0W79pbiDi2A>
(Official Music Video dir. Gene Greenwood)

[DAVE HARTNEY](#)

Dave is preparing to release the first single off his debut EP "**Always Chasing Something**," produced by **John Ellis**, later this summer. A brand new website and multimedia created by **Jeff Ojeda** at **Chief Music Management** is coming in

late July. In between preparing to MC his baby sister's wedding July 11, he'll be performing at some great events this month including:

July 3 & 4 - Calgary Stampede

July 16 - Four Seasons, Whistler

July 25 - Gone Country, Cloverdale (w/Blackjack Billy, Tebey, Karen Lee Batten)

July 31 - Rockin' River Musicfest, Merritt

Dave was also recently selected as a **top 10 finalist in the BCCMA's Artist Development Program (ADP)**, after performances at the Cloverdale Rodeo. Participating in the recent two day ADP "Boot Camp" lead by Bob D'Eith of Music BC (formerly of *Rhymes with Orange*, one of Dave's favourite 90's rock bands) was a great chance to hang out with artist friends, and learn a lot about the industry with guest speakers Liam Killeen, Duane Steele, Tom McKillip, Curtis Pope, Chantel Chapman and Karen Lee Batten. Dave would like to thank the BCCMA for the opportunity to participate in this program, which both assists and shines a spotlight on local BC country music artists.

www.davehartney.com

[BEN KLICK](#)

Busy summer months ahead for **Ben Klick** and the band! Ben is headed back to Nashville, Tennessee on July 5th to finish recording the final three songs on the new EP, with producers **Clay Krasner and RyLee Madison** of **7-17 Music**, to be released at the end of August! Booked around the trip down south, Ben is playing some shows throughout the month of July:

July 1 - Peachland - Canada Day

July 3- West Kelowna - Music in the Park

July 4 - Kelowna - Big White Ski Resort

July 18 - Kamloops - Music in the Park

July 24 - Kelowna - ParksAlive!

July 26 - Vernon - Caentani Summer Series

July 31 - Merritt - Rockin' River Music Festival

You can follow Ben on Facebook (Ben Klick's Music - www.facebook.com/benklicksmusic), Twitter (@Ben_Klick), Instagram (@Ben_Klick), and on the official website (www.benlick.com)

[ROD BLACK](#)

July 1st JRFM Canada Day Langley

July 3rd Baselines Langley (acoustic set)

July 18th Aldergrove Fair days
July 19th Roadhouse Bar acoustic set (day)
July 19th Roxy Vancouver
July 24th Prince George
July 25th Sun peaks resort
July 31st Rockin River Fest
www.rodblackmusic.com

[CHRIS BUCK BAND](#)

The boys are looking forward to a busy July

July 18 - Chilliwack Golf Tourney
July 19- The Roxy EP release with Rod Black
July 24- Cariboo Brewery Tailgate Party (Prince George)with Rod Black
July 25 - SunPeaks Country Fest (Kamloops)
July 30 - Rockin River Music Fest (Opening for Nitty Gritty Dirt Band)
July 31- Rockin River Music Fest (Beer Gardens after Lady Antebellum)

[WHISKEY JANE](#)

Whiskey Jane members are hard at work writing new material for their next album.

Upcoming dates include:

July 9-11 (Gabbys)

July 16-19 (Roosters)

[AJAYE JARDINE](#)

Ajaye's performance schedule this month includes:

July 4 - Music Madhouse Records at 2pm, Burnaby BC
July 5 - Ladies of Country at The Roxy at 7:20pm, Vancouver BC
July 8- Concert in the Park series at Garden City Park at 6:30pm, Richmond BC

More dates are to be determined on her website at www.ajayejardine.com

Other social media information is:

www.ajayejardine.com

www.facebook.com/ajayejardine

www.twitter.com/ajayejardine

www.youtube.com/ajayejardine

DANIELLE MARIE

Danielle is performing these dates, And look for new single coming to radio July 20th!!

July 1st- JRFM Canada Day Willoughby Community Park 11:00am

July 5th- The Roxy 7:00pm "Ladies of Country Night"

July 10th -Highstreet shopping mall Abbotsford with Andrew Christopher and Dylan Weightman 5-7pm

July 16th- O Canada Edmonton Prospects game

July 17th- O Canada Edmonton Prospects game

July 18th- Aldergrove Fair 1pm

July 23rd- BCCMA songwriters series Bottega, Kelowna

July 24th- Party in the Park Chilliwack 5:40-6:10

July 31st- Rockin River Fest ADP

CYNTHIA LEIGH-ANN

Cynthia writes: " Come on Down to the **Calgary Stampede!** I can't wait to see you all!!"

Calgary Stampede 2015 Window On The West Stage **Friday July 3rd** at 2:30 pm
Saturday July 4th 5:30pm

Parks Alive Kerry Park Friday July 24th 9:45-10:30pm

Cynthia Leigh-Ann Headliner **Parks Alive** Kerry Park Saturday 25th 2015 9:45-10:30 pm

The Seen at Shaw TV July 29th Kelowna BC

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 1st.

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@bccountry.com at **any time before 6pm [PST] on the 28th of every month** to be included in the following month's e-Newsletter