



BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - September 2015

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our September 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

Nominations are in on the first ballot and now the Second Ballot begins!

This has been an exciting year for all the talented performers, musicians, producers, managers, personalities and all the great lovers of country music!

We have had so much incredible feedback from you, from the public at large and the many other venues and other associations that we work alongside of. What a great reward for all the volunteers that keep our association running the way it does.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again at the BCCMA Annual Awards Show held at the Hard Rock Casino on October 25, 2015!

Brian Thate
President
BC Country Music Association

NEWS/EVENTS

Awards Show : The 38th Annual BCCMA Awards show weekend planning is well under way. We will be presenting four events as part of the **2015 BCCMA Awards Show weekend** starting October 23rd through Oct 25th. Tickets are on sale **NOW** by calling **604-533-5088**. Tickets must be bought in advance as they will NOT be sold at the door.

BCCMA Awards Pre-Party / Showcase

Friday, October 23rd, 2015 -- Time: 6:00pm
The Tap House (15330 - 102A Ave, Surrey)
Performers to be announced soon (no cover charge)

Artist Development Workshop/Seminar

Saturday, October 24th, 2015 Time: 11:00am
Executive Plaza Hotel (405 North Road, Coquitlam)
\$20 at the door
A power packed panel of key industry personalities to assist you in your Country Music Career
****Possible showcase later that night TBA**

38th Annual BCCMA Awards Show

Sunday, October 25th, 2015 - Door: 5:30pm -Show 6:30pm
Hard Rock Casino (formally Red Robinson Theatre)
(2080 United Blvd, Coquitlam, B.C.)
Each seat: \$45.00
All ages, Cash Bar
Performers to be announced soon

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is an integral part of supporting, celebrating and building our Country Music Industry. We continue to promote the achievements of our BC Country Music Artists and provide a framework to develop Artists, Songwriters, Musicians and all other aspects of this vibrant community.

If you would be interested, or know someone that would be interested in sponsoring the BCCMA please contact us at 604-533-5088 or email us at bccma@bccountry.com

Customized Sponsorship packages available ! Speak with us about your unique contribution and let's work out a mutually beneficial sponsorship package.

For a full list of sponsorship packages please click here:

www.bccountry.com/downloads/BCCMASponsorshipPackages.pdf

Interested in advertising your business, company or project in the 38th Annual BCCMA Awards program book this year?

Here are our rates!

\$300 - 1/8th page - 5" (w) x 1" (h)
\$500 - 1/4 page - 2.25" (w) x 3.75" (h)
\$800 - 1/2 page - 5" (w) x 3.75" (h)
\$1,500 - full page - 5" (w) x 8" (h)

Please contact the awards program developer, Linda Corscadden at linda@bccountry.com to book your space now!

2nd BALLOT OPEN

The 2nd ballot is open for voting and closes September 11th, 2015. Only active BCCMA Members are eligible to vote. Please click the link below to submit your votes.

This is **YOUR** awards, please take a moment to submit your ballots. Please read the rules on the ballot page carefully.

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

For a full list of the 2nd ballot nominees click here:
www.bccountry.com/siteimages/newsletter80_1.pdf

ARTIST DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FINALS

The Top 5, Cash Crawford, Lisa Nicole, Danielle Marie, Dave Hartney and Lanie McAuley will perform in the finals September 20th, 2015 at the Surrey Tap House (15330-102A Ave) starting at 6pm. This event is open to the public, please come out to cheer them all on !

The winner, 2nd and 3rd place will be announced this night and will share in \$20,000 in cash and prizes. The winning artist will perform at the BCCMA Awards October 25th, and our 2nd and 3rd place winners will be performing at our BCCMA Pre Awards Show Party / Showcase October 23rd.

We would like to congratulate our top 5 and also wish all of the ADP contestants past and present the best of luck.

OGOLOGO MEDIA OFFER

Attention all BCCMA Artists!

For the next 12 months Ogologo Media is offering an Extensive Marketing and Promo Package free of charge for BCCMA members!!

How it works...

Submit the artwork you want to promote to info@ogologo.ca and you will receive over 2500 ad impressions daily across the Ogologo Digital Billboard Network.

In exchange you will only be required to mail in 50 CD's that will be used as promotional prize giveaways on our network games we hold monthly.

Artwork Specs...

Must be a JPG- size 1536 wide X 1080 height in pixels

Mail CD's to...

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ARTIST NEWS

[TWIN KENNEDY](#)

Twin Kennedy has been making a strong mark on the Canadian country music scene; between the release of their debut album, a cross-Canada tour and their very first **CCMA Award nomination** (Interactive Artist of the Year), these sisters are proving to be unstoppable. Now, Victoria sister-duo **Twin Kennedy** is getting ready to turn it up another notch and release their second single "**Feels Like Freedom**" on September 4, 2015.

In celebration of this single release and CCMA nomination, **Twin Kennedy** are hosting "**Rise and Shine - A Morning of Music with Ladies of Canadian Country**"; an event taking place during **Country Music Week** in Halifax, presented by **Homewood Suites by Hilton® Halifax-Downtown and Hampton Inn by Hilton™ Halifax-Downtown**. This event isn't just celebrating the duo's success, but the success of the amazing women that make up the Canadian country music industry. Taking place on Saturday, September 12 at 10:00am, **Twin Kennedy**, along with some very special guests (**Lindsay Broughton, Tenille, Trinity Bradshaw and Livy Jeanne**), will be performing at 1960 Brunswick Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia. This free event will also be live streamed for BC fans to enjoy on the West Coast at www.risenshinehalifax.ca.

Halifax and the CCMA Awards are just one small stop for what is bound to be a vivacious fall for the sisters. With 18 confirmed tour dates, starting in the east coast and making their way back home to the west, Twin Kennedy is embarking on the fall leg of their It's a Love Thing Tour. Visit www.twinkennedy.com for the full tour schedule and ticket information.

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[ROBYN & RYLEIGH](#)

Robyn and Ryleigh have spent a busy second half of the summer shuttling between the stage and the studio. Highlights included performing to thousands at the **Canada Day Celebration at Canada Place**- followed by the **JRBQ** in hometown Langley. Later in the month they put on a strong performance at the **Sunfest Mainstage**, and were featured on the **CBC Nooner Concert** series in Vancouver.

Meanwhile the girls are hard at work on more new music for their forthcoming Royalty/Sony EP, being recorded in Calgary and Vancouver.

Next Performance: The first annual **Unbuckled** event at Stanley Park-Brockton Oval, **Saturday Sept. 12th'**

[LISA NICOLE](#)

September is going to be a busy month for **Lisa Nicole**. She is feeling honored and grateful to be in the Top 5 of the **Artist Development Project** put on by the **BC Country Music Association & Music BC**. The finals are September 20th at 6PM in Surrey B.C, at The Taphouse and she would like to invite all her fans to come support watch and cheer her on!

In other news, Lisa is getting her P2 VISA documents together as she will be spending 3 months in Nashville performing at Tootsies on Broadway 4 days a week and focusing on songwriting. She is set to leave the end of September.

With the CCMA's in Halifax, NS just around the corner you can catch Lisa

playing live September 10th @1:30PM @ The Delta Hotel for Diamonds in the Rough and September 11th @9:00PM @ The Split Crow Pub

Other Shows in September include:

September 5th @7:00PM – Castlegar @ Pass Creek Park for The International Firefighter Games

September 19th @ NOON – Rock Creek Fall Fair

You can follow Lisa at the following links:

Instagram: @lisanicolemusic

Snapchat: lisanicolemusic

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Fanpage: www.facebook.com/lisanicolemusic

YouTube: www.youtube.com/lisanicolekianas

LLOYD TOSOFF/ CONSCIOUS REDNECKS

With 555 stations playing, "One Shot at a Time" radio has been primed radio for a 2nd release this fall.

The upcoming 10 song CD simply titled **Conscious Rednecks** will be mixed by **Delwyn Brooks** and is expected to be released later this fall. It was a great privilege to get a few of the tracks written by Lloyd Tosoff to Nashville songwriting legend **Chris Gantry** who said, "Tosoff is very talented and possesses a true penchant for writing songs". Gantry and his friend Kris Kristofferson were pioneers in Nashville during its outlaw heyday. He will be in Vancouver in March with a new album being produced in Nashville by **Paul Worley**.

JEFF JOHNSON

Jeff Johnson of **Bailey Way Entertainment (BWE)** has had a busy summer of touring, writing and production. Jeff is fresh off the **Shania Twain** 'Rock This Country' tour with **Wes Mack**. Jeff is proud to have co produced an co written several tracks on Wes Mack's debut album "Edge of the Storm" available September 4, 2015. Since getting home from the tour at the end of June Jeff has not slowed down. BWE has released a production and co-write for **Chris Buck Band** 'Leave Your Light On' which has been one of the most added radio tracks in Canada. "Wide Open" for **Brad Darrid** is another production and co-write for BWE that retired as a five night champion on **JRFM's New Country Challenge**. Jeff has also recently been in the studio producing for 2015 CCMA Discovery Program finalist **Ray Gibson** and her single "In Your Kiss", **Jordan McIntish's** new single to be released in September "All About the Girl" and **King & Cash's** new release "Where You Want Me". Currently BWE is in the studio producing several new tracks for **George Canyon's** upcoming album release in September 2015.

[DAVE HARTNEY](#)

Dave is performing this **Sunday Aug 30** at a **JRFM Block Party**. The winner of this radio contest receives food, beverages and an acoustic performance by Dave in the back of a Dodge Ram truck for friends and neighbors, courtesy of JRFM. Dave will also be attending the **CCMA's in Halifax September 10-13**, and will be performing **September 20** as part of the BCCMA Artist Development Project Finals at the **Taphouse** in Surrey.

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[RAQUEL COLE](#)

Raquel Cole wraps up her tour dates with **Josh Turner & Diamond Rio** this summer with some exciting news! Cole was chosen as a Finalist in the 2015 **International Unsigned Only Competition** with her song, "**It's For Real This Time.**" Congrats to **Fionn (Alanna & Brianne)** for also making the finals! If you're headed out to Halifax September 10-13 for **Country Music Week**, don't miss Cole's performance in the Discovery Showcase Thursday night!

[JOEY CLARKSON](#)

Joey Clarkson will be touring across Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland this fall before returning to Europe to continue her **Loving You is Breaking Me** Tour for the remainder of 2016. Please visit www.JoeyClarkson.com to keep up to date on future releases and tour dates.

September dates include:

Sept. 11 - Port Alberni Exhibition (Port Alberni)

Sept. 19 - Ribfest (Comox Valley)

Sept. 26 - Garrison Bistro (Chilliwack)

Sept. 27 - "Ladies of Country III" at The Roxy Caberet (Vancouver)

Joey Clarkson

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[PAT CHESSELL](#)

Pat Chessell has had a busy summer performing at such highly regarded events as the **Surrey Fusion Festival**, the **Harmony Arts Festival** and the **West Vancouver Canada Day Celebrations**. Along with his backup band, **The Swingin' Teardrops**, he also just performed a successful show at **The Roxy** along with **Megan Twist** and **Ben Klick**.

You can check him out this month at:

September 3, 10, 17, 24 - Mahony and Sons Burrard Landing

September 4 & 5 - The Bennett Public House

September 26 - Panorama Park, Surrey

More dates are always being added at www.patchessell.com

Thanks for nominating Pat for **Roots/Canadiana** award for the 2nd ballot of the **BCCMA Awards**.

[BRUCE COUGHLAN](#)

It's been a busy 2015 so far for singer/songwriter **Bruce Coughlan**, juggling solo performance dates in and around Vancouver, regionally dates with the **Whisky Minstrels** and national and international dates with **Tiller's Folly**. Tours include BC, Washington, Oregon and Scotland with upcoming dates through Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Idaho.

Bruce's song **The Things I Haven't Done** reached top 20 in the Americana charts as recorded by **John Cowan & Rodney Crowell**. A double CD collection of Bruce's original historically-based songs (**Stirring Up Ghosts vol. 1 & 2**) has been nominated by the Western Canadian Music Awards for Folk Album of the Year.

September dates include:

September 3rd, 2015- The Wolf & Hounds- Vancouver, BC

September 5th, 2015- Bob's Bar & Grill - Aldergrove, BC

September 9th, 2015- King Fishers Waterfront Bar & Grill - Maple Ridge, BC

September 16th, 2015 - Town Hall - Coquitlam, BC

September 23rd, 2015 - King Fishers Waterfront Bar & Grill - Maple Ridge, BC

September 24th, 2015 - Poco Farmer's Market - Port Coquitlam, BC

September 25th, 2015 - The Saint Jame's Well - Port Moody, BC

September 26th, 2015 - The Saint Jame's Well - Port Moody, BC

September 27th, 2015 - The Two Lions Pub- North Vancouver, BC

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[CHRIS BUCK](#)

Check out the boys new video for their single "**Leave Your light On**" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Go8N0-m8qo> as they gear up for tour with Rod Black in October.

Sept 2 to 6th - Armstrong Fair, Armstrong Bc

Sept 12 - CCMA Awards

Sept 17 to 19th - Gabbys

Sept 25- Paul Brandt and Dean Brody after Party. Phoenix, Abbotsford

Sept 26- Pemberton Rodeo , Pemberton BC

[BEN KLICK](#)

Ben would like to say a huge thank you to the BCCMA and Music BC for the opportunity in the Artist Development Project, as well as sends the best of luck to Danielle Marie, Dave Hartney, Cash Crawford, Lanie McAuley, and Lisa Nicole in the finals [on September 20th](#) at the Surrey Tap House! See you guys there!

With a new 6 song EP in hand, Ben and the band are working hard on the new material and are looking forward to debuting the record. Stay tuned for an official release date!

Ben and his drummer, Darrin Cherewayko, will also be in Halifax for the CCMA's! They would like to invite you to come out and watch their Diamonds in the Rough showcase [on Thursday, September 10th at 1:30pm](#), and to the Wind Up Party with a full band [on Saturday, September 12th!](#)

[September 25th](#), Ben will be playing at the OK Corral in Kelowna for the End of Summer Sizzler! This is a full night of live country music with dance lessons included in admission!

Check out Ben Klick's Music on Facebook, @Ben_Klick on Instagram and Twitter, and www.benlick.com for updates!

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