



## **BCCMA e-NEWSLETTER - October 2015**

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our October 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

We have a Winner in the Artist Development Project! Woohoo! Let's hear it for LISA NICOLE, from beautiful Castlegar, BC!

Not only is Lisa a winner but every artist in the top 5, in the top 10, in the selected pool of 25, and every artist who entered this incredible journey have all gained so much.

This is what the BC Country Music Association is all about...building people, talent and experience for our artists so they can enjoy successful careers, providing top-notch country music entertainment for our many fans.

We are first and foremost a family of country music folk who support one another. The encouragement that we show one another is unprecedented.

Coming up, October 22nd through 25th, our BCCMA Awards Show weekend with showcases, parties, education and the celebration of our successes, giving recognition to those who have excelled this past year.

Seating is limited! If you are going to come, you had best get your tickets today! We have never seen tickets go so quickly!

I, and all of our fabulous Board of Directors, look forward to seeing you at the Show!

God bless you all!

Brian Thate  
President  
BC Country Music Association

## [NEWS](#)

STEPHANO BARBERIS WINS 8<sup>TH</sup> CCMA FOR VIDEO DIRECTOR AND 30<sup>TH</sup> AWARD IN TOTAL FROM DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS

September 14, 2015 – (Halifax N.S. Canada) – **Stephano Barberis** has won his 8th CCMA Award in Halifax thus past weekend for **Video Director of The Year**.

Handed out at the CCMA Industry Awards event, the director nabbed the win for videos done with artists **Bobby Wills**, **Small Town Pistols** and **Aaron Pritchett** (featuring **Dallas Smith**) in particular.

The win last week reinforces the director's reputation for being the most-awarded music video director in Canadian history. Stephano's career has managed to heat up exponentially with time. The director's track record of supercharging artists' careers is one reason for this.

**Stephano Barberis** has scored his 16<sup>th</sup> official #1 music video with **Dallas Smith's** "[Cheap Seats](#)" reaching the top of CMT's **Chevrolet Top 20** this week.

The music video, which features live concert footage, was shot last winter when the director and a crew followed Smith around on the western leg of his [Tippin Point](#) tour.

## [BCCMA/MUSIC BC ARTIST DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FINALS](#)

The BC Country Music Association and Music BC announced the Top 3 winners in the BCCMA / MusicBC Artist Development Project. After exhilarating adjudicated performances at the Cloverdale Rodeo, Rockin' River Music Festival and the finales at the TapHouse in Surrey we are proud to announce:

1<sup>st</sup> place winner: **LISA NICOLE**  
2<sup>nd</sup> place winner: **DANIELLE MARIE**  
3<sup>rd</sup> place winner: **CASH CRAWFORD**

We'd like to congratulate our winners and also wish all of the ADP contestants all the best in their country music careers.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, judges, members and fans, we couldn't do this without you.

### **FINAL BALLOT**

The BCCMA Final Ballot opened Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> and will close October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

Please take the time to read the nominees bios on the first page of the ballot. This is YOUR awards, please make your votes count.

### **STRAIGHT UP COACHING**

Leah is a "game changing" life strategist and personal health and wellness management expert who coaches people to reach their personal potential. Her knowledge and life experience in the field of psychology, neuro-linguistic programming and human behaviour in the past 27 years makes her an expert at transformational change and lasting results. Whether it is career aspirations, relationship improvements, or personal development; her enthusiastic demeanor encourages clients to step outside their comfort zone and embrace the vision of what is possible! Contact Leah for a FREE 30 minute strategy session.

[www.straightupcoaching.com](http://www.straightupcoaching.com)

Leah Ruppel 604-817-3488

## **EVENTS**

### **AWARDS SHOW WEEKEND**

With just over 3 weeks to go before the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual BCCMA Awards show weekend arrives, we have officially sold out tickets on the floor !!! Tickets are now available for the balcony by calling 1-855-985-5000 (ask for the BC Country Music Awards event) or by purchasing them online at [www.ticketmaster.ca/event/11004F05CA927FAE](http://www.ticketmaster.ca/event/11004F05CA927FAE)

Award show performances are: Cowboy Troy, Lisa Brokop, One More Girl, Chad Brownlee, Wes Mack, Karen Lee Batten, Lisa Nicole, Washboard Union, JoJo Mason, Danielle Marie, Madeline Merlo and Jackson Hollow.

Below is a list of the events over the 4 day Awards weekend. Please make note, the Friday showcase at the Taphouse requires reservations though it's a free event. Please call in advance with the number provided.

**BCCMA Kick Off Party**

Thursday, October 22nd, 2015 -- Time: 8:00pm  
Gabby's Cabaret (20297 Fraser Hwy, Langley)  
Performances by: Chris Buck, Lanie McAuley & Peter James

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**BCCMA Awards Showcase**

Friday, October 23rd, 2015 -- Time: 8:00pm  
The Tap House (15330 - 102A Ave, Surrey)  
Hosted by: Karen Lee Batten  
Free event - Performers to be announced soon  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, please call 604-533-5088

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**Artist Development Workshop**

Saturday, October 24th, 2015 Time: 10:00am  
Executive Plaza Hotel (405 North Road, Coquitlam)  
A power packed panel of key industry personalities to assist you in your Country Music Career. \$20 at the door  
Speakers:  
Bob D'Eith - 10am-11am - Music Business  
Curtis Pope - 11am-12pm - Radio 101 how to get radio airplay  
Lunch Break - 12pm-1pm  
Karen Lee Batten - 1pm-2pm - How to book yourself  
Cowboy Troy- 2pm-3pm - Performance, connecting with your audience  
Lisa Brokop- 3pm-4pm - Song writing, perseverance

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**BCCMA Awards Pre-Party Cocktails, Dinner & Showcase**

Saturday, October 24th, 2015 Time: 6:00pm  
Executive Plaza Hotel Lounge/Restaurant (405 North Road, Coquitlam)  
Performers to be announced soon  
No reservations (Guests will be responsible for their own bills)

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### **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 by phone 1-855-985-5000 or online:

[www.ticketmaster.ca/event/11004F05CA927FAE](http://www.ticketmaster.ca/event/11004F05CA927FAE)

All ages, Cash Bar

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### **HOST HOTEL:**

Executive Plaza Hotel, 405 North Road Coquitlam, BC V3K 3V9

Toll Free: 1-888-433-3932 | Tel: 604-936-9399

Email: [reservationsc@executivehotels.net](mailto:reservationsc@executivehotels.net)

When reserving, use this to get the discounted rate: Booking ID 17855

All our members, sponsors and guests are being offered a special discounted rate of \$115 (plus tax) at the Host hotel for the nights of Friday October 23rd through to Sunday, October 25th, 2015

If you are traveling a distance to attend the 38th Annual Awards Show and wish to stay over night at the Executive Plaza Hotel, simply call in to book your reservation with the information below to have the special BCCMA discount applied to your reservation. Free shuttle is provided to the Casino.

### **ROCKIN RIVER NEWS**

After a very successful first year in Merritt, the Rockin River Music Festival would like to thank all of the amazing BCCMA talent that added so much to the first annual Merritt festival. The RRMF would also like to thank Linda Corscadden and all the BCCMA people that helped us on site from the beginning. The mandate of the Festival has always been to provide not a great safe environment for Country Music fans but to also provide a platform for both well established artists and the new talent that BC turns out consistently every year. We are very proud to have featured almost every artist that the BCCMA has developed for the past seven years.

Early bird tickets have gone on sale for the **2016 Rockin' River Music Festival scheduled July 28-31st 2016** featuring the hottest new artist in country music **Sam Hunt** and a ton more great artists to be announced later this fall. We will have a very strong contingent of BC talent to go along with all the US artists, so please come out and support our festival so we can continue to support our fantastic BC artists.

## ROXY COUNTRY NIGHT LISTINGS

Sunday **October 4<sup>th</sup>** 4 to 7 pm – **Blake Havard w/ The Rowdy Spurs**

Sunday **October 18<sup>th</sup>** 7:00pm– Alt Country Night – **Karen Lee Batten, GB Roots; Jackson Hollow**

Sunday **November 8<sup>th</sup>** 4 to 7 pm – **Me and Mae w/ Dave Hartney and The Heels**

## ARTIST NEWS

### KAREN LEE BATTEN

(A Special Message from Karen Lee ...)

I want to start by saying a HUGE thank you to everyone for the 5 BCCMA nominations I received this year (Entertainer/ Fans Choice/ Female Vocalist/ Country Club Act/ Website). You all never cease to amaze me. As an independent artist it is really an indescribable feeling when the hard work is met by such love and support. Thank you for loving the music in me.

This summer was truly awesome, and I want to thank Gone Country, Cloverdale Rodeo, BCCMA Shannon Hall, Rockin River Music Festival, Sunfest, Thunderbird Show Park, the Armstrong Interior Stampede, Cowichan Exhibition and so many more festivals and venues that have had me in their rooms and on their stages. There is nothing like playing a live show, and I am forever grateful to the ones who have faith in what I do as an artist!

Look for an exciting new project coming very soon!

### BEN KCLICK

Ben Klick has released his new record titled "Today", which is a 6-song EP produced by Clay Krasner and Rylee Madison of 7-17 Music in Nashville, TN. In its first few days of release it hit #37 on the iTunes charts! And the first single Off Road written by Ben Klick and Doug Folkins, is currently out to radio! You can pick up your copy at any show, digital download service, or on iTunes at <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/album/today-ep/id1038762530>

**Upcoming Shows are:**

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** – CD Release Party (with **Danielle Marie**) – Okanagan College Theatre at 6:30 pm

**October 17<sup>th</sup>** – Power House Theatre, Vernon – 6:30pm

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to every BCCMA nominee, and good luck! It's an honor to be amongst so much talent! Special thanks to all of you who have voted, and I look forward to seeing you all at the Awards Show on the 25<sup>th</sup>!

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

The girls are very proud to have achieved **Honorable Mention** as finalists in the worldwide **2015 Unsigned Only Contest** out of Nashville with the song "Second Hand Love". The track was recorded last year in Los Angeles (vocals) and Nashville (tracks) with producer **Steve Dorff**. Fionn's achievement came in the **Teen** Category.

To hear the song and the others on their EP, go to their website <http://www.fionnband.com> and follow the links. The EP is also available for purchase on Itunes.

### [CONSCIOUS REDNECKS](#)

Freshly signed to Memphis based Mid South Records the Conscious Rednecks will release a hot new single on October 26 and a 12 song album later this year. The first single is a remake of the Canadian country hit "I've Got Your Key", a cleverly written straight ahead honky tonk rocker guaranteed to pack the dance floor. Distributed worldwide by Select-O-Hits operated by the family of Sam Philips, founder of legendary Sun Records, this talented group is creating a big buzz. Watch for the new single and upcoming album! You're in Conscious Rednecks Country!!

### [LISA NICOLE](#)

September has proved to be a promising month for Lisa's career. Winning First Place in the BCCMA/ Music BC Artist Development Project is a career changing opportunity for which Lisa is so grateful, thankful and excited! She will be spending 10 weeks in Toronto in the Coalition Music Artist Entrepreneur Program in February 2016. The contest also allows her to go to Nashville to spend some time co-writing along with \$5,000.00 in cash and prizes.

Lisa has been nominated for two BCCMA awards, for Female Vocalist and Country Club Act. She will be performing Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Award Show.

You can follow Lisa at the following links:

Instagram: @lisanicolemusic

Snapchat: lisanicolemusic

Twitter: @lisanicolemusic

Fanpage: [www.facebook.com/lisanicolemusic](http://www.facebook.com/lisanicolemusic)

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/lisanicolekianas](http://www.youtube.com/lisanicolekianas)

### [RAQUEL COLE - 2015 CCMA DISCOVERY WINNER!](#)

Congratulations **Raquel Cole** on her first **CCMA Award!** After performing at the Thursday night Discovery Program Showcase (part of Country Music Week), Cole won the **CCMA Discovery Award** at the **2015 Canadian Country Music Awards** in Halifax, which was presented at the CCMA Gala Dinner & Awards on Saturday night, September 12th.

### [CHRIS BUCK BAND](#)

The **Chris Buck Band** just found out their current single "**Leave Your Light On**" just hit the **Top 50** on the **Canadian Country Music charts**. The boys are also excited to hit the road with **Rod Black** for the Jason Aldean after party dates in BC.

Oct 2 - **The Roadhouse** ( Vancouver) hosted by **Rod Black** and **DJ Jaxon Hawks**

Oct 3 - **The OK Corral** ( Kelowna) with **Rod Black**

Oct 5 - **Shark Club** ( Kamloops) with **Rod Black**

Oct 10 - **Gobbler Dance** ( Abbotsford) Agri-Plex

### [SONS OF DAUGHTERS](#)

BCCMA members Sons Of Daughters have just received honourable mentions for their song "Penny" in the Unsigned Only Music Competition. This year the UOMC judging panel consisted of Sinead O'Connor, Alt-J, The Killers, Aimee Mann alongside many other musical celebrities. This was a nice follow up to their previous honourable mention for their song "Hangman" in the 2014 International Song writing Competition. Sons of Daughters have also been nominated for two BCCMA awards this year, Group/Duo of the year & Roots/Canadiana group of the year. Sons of Daughters will be showcasing some of their new material at the Portside Pub in Gastown Vancouver, Thursday, October 8th at 9pm. [www.sonsofdaughters.com](http://www.sonsofdaughters.com)



## BLAKE HAVARD

Singer songwriter/guitarist Blake Havard is performing LIVE! In Vancouver at The Roxy's Country Night on Sunday Oct. 4. Joining Havard on stage will be Pat Steward (drums), Rob Becker (bass) and Jay Beuttner (guitar)

Doors 7pm Show 9pm. Tix \$10 at the door. Reserve tix online here:

<http://www.ticketzone.com/event/Blake-Harvard-w-The-Rowdy-Spurs/305078><http://www.reverbnation.com/blakehavard><https://www.facebook.com/events/1637874303147383/>

Thanks in advance for your kind consideration!

Blake Havard 604 716 1589

## CYNTHIA LEIGH-ANN

Big news for **Cynthia Leigh-Ann!** **Teddy Grimstad** lived in Nashville for many years playing with legends such as **Johnny Cash, Don Williams, Hank Snow** and others. He said when he heard Cynthia he found the voice of an angel, and they recorded **If I Needed You**. He now lives in Finland and is going to release the single world wide this month!

This is a huge break for Cynthia and she is very excited. She will be touring with Teddy to promote the song. Look for it on Country Radio everywhere and request it!

Cynthia will be promoting her 3 new singles throughout Calgary and Edmonton with Country stations. "**If I Needed You**" is a great oldie duet with **Teddy Grimstad** and **Cynthia Leigh-Ann**.

## 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](mailto:eamonn@bccountry.com) at **any time before 6pm [PST] on the 25th of every month** to be included in the following month's e-Newsletter