

# JANUARY NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME TO 2023

We have some exciting news to come this year! Some you may have to wait for, but the best things in life are worth waiting for. As a member you will hear first in our Newsletter which will come out monthly on the 28th.

Make sure your email is correct in your profile, to receive our emails updates. We thank you for your ongoing submissions.

## TO OUR MEMBERS:

With the New Year arriving, comes questions of the annual awards show. There will be more information to come, as plans develop. We can share with you all that the awards weekend will be held in the Fall of 2023. We are excited for our community to celebrate the talent and hard work that you are putting in.

At this time the Board of Directors is working on creating a foundation for growth for the BC Country Music Association. Creating more opportunities for our members as well. As you will see, in the coming pages, we have some pretty great partners in the community who are bringing initiatives to our members. I want to personally thank them all for their support to our country music business right here in BC.

This is a year of reflection of how far we have come, and time to celebrate our past. Keep an eye out for a Hall Of Fame meeting announcement, as well as the AGM information. I want to give a big thank you to the Board of Directors who will soon be on the website for you all to get to know. The website is a major area of focus, working with a developer to integrate our membership portal with the Wordpress website for a wonderful membership experience. Using our digital cards for membership benefits and much more.

On behalf of all of us here at BCCMA, we thank you for your membership. In 2023, I appreciate and love you all. We have sunny days today on Vancouver Island. Hope you are having a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,  
Cassandra Smith  
President



# INDUSTRY NEWS



**SPRING  
BREAKTHROUGH**

**TALENT  
COMPETITION**

OPEN JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 10

**SPRING BREAK UP**  
COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

WIN \$500, TWO TICKETS

★ AND PERFORM AT SPRING BREAK UP ★ MARCH 24, 2023 ★

**JACK DANIEL'S**  
OLD NO. 7  
SABAND

**TRADEX**

WWW.TRADEXBC.COM 1190 CORNELL ST, ABBOTSFORD



## ICYMI : 2023 CCMA SONGWRITERS' UNPLUGGED SERIES SUBMISSIONS CLOSE JANUARY 31!

We are thrilled to once again be featuring the beloved CCMA Songwriters' Unplugged Series, as part of Country Music Week 2023!

[\*\*SUBMIT HERE\*\*](#)

# INDUSTRY NEWS



## REVIEW 5:

*Artist Mentorship Program With  
Dale Peters & Laurie Brown*



REVIEW 5 PROGRAM OVERVIEW: Review 5 is an artist mentorship program that provides an opportunity for artists to receive feedback on their materials and career guidance and advice from industry experts through one-on-one mentorship meetings.

Submit from January 28th to February 8th  
The five entries chosen will be decided by the Board of Directors

[MORE INFO](#)

## CONGRATULATION TO OUR OWN JEFF OJEDA

**MMF**  
MUSIC MANAGERS FORUM  
**CANADA**

15TH ANNUAL  
**HONOUR ROLL  
AWARDS**  
CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC MANAGEMENT

**LASCELLES STEPHENS**  
HONOUR ROLL

**ELAINE BOMBERRY**  
BUILDER AWARD

**HAVIAH MIGHTY**  
BANNER YEAR

**CHRISTINA CASSARO**  
BANNER YEAR

**JEFF OJEDA**  
TRAILBLAZER

**MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023 // THE GREAT HALL, TORONTO**

## MEMBER NEWS



### We need to show Julie Kennedy our support

Late last year, Twin Kennedy's Julie Kennedy, a wonderful, vivacious, talented, strong, healthy woman was diagnosed with Triple Negative Stage 2 Breast Cancer. We send our love and support to her and her family at this time. To show support for Julie and her family, please go to the [Go Fund Me](#) page to donate.

## 7 Celebrations

### Reconnect in the Thompson Okanagan



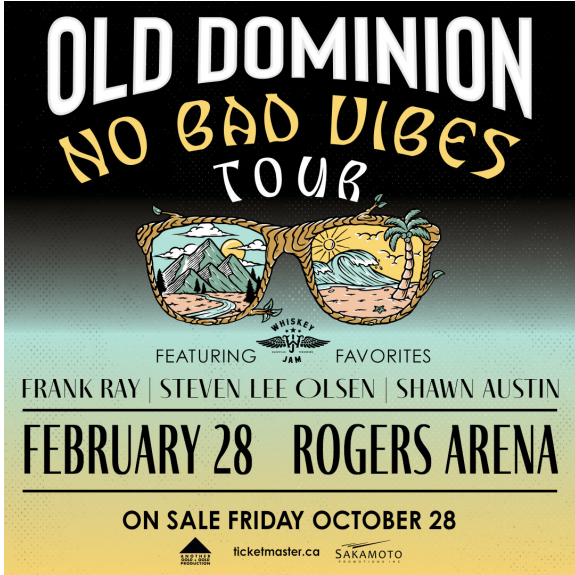
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In the Thompson Okanagan, we are lucky enough to live in an incredible place that is composed of diverse communities and cultures. Here, we believe in sharing what we love about this region with each other and our visitors. We invite you to the free 7 Celebrations series of events to reconnect in the communities throughout the Thompson Okanagan. For more information [CLICK HERE](#)

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# MEMBER NEWS





**OLD DOMINION**  
**NO BAD VIBES**  
**TOUR**

FEATURING WHISKEY TO THE JAM FAVORITES  
FRANK RAY | STEVEN LEE OLSEN | SHAWN AUSTIN

**FEBRUARY 28 ROGERS ARENA**

ON SALE FRIDAY OCTOBER 28

 ticketmaster.ca  SAKAMOTO

## SAKAMOTO AGENCY

Old Dominion No Bad Vibes Tour coming to Vancouver, British Columbia on February 28th, that will also feature 2 great Canadian acts, Steven Lee Olsen and BC's own Shawn Austin.

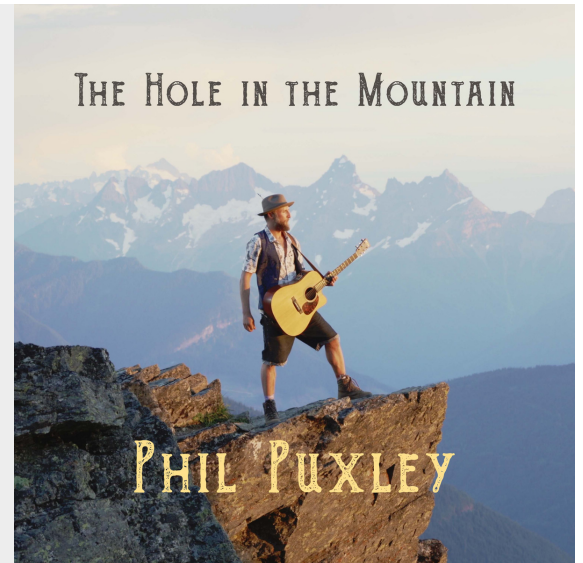
**TICKETS**

## PHIL PUXLEY

Phil Puxley is a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist experimenting in a broad range of music throughout his life. His songwriting style borders on folk, bluegrass, blues, ragtime and rock. [Learn More](#)

Listen to The Hole in the Mountain is Puxley's debut single [HERE](#)

[Philip Puxley Music Website](#)



## ALLI WALKER

Burgeoning Canadian singer-songwriter and Spotify's Radar Artist on the Horizon Alli Walker is bringing fans the highly anticipated viral TikTok song 'Sand In My Boots (Female POV)' released November 18th, 2022.

Listen to Alli's latest single [HERE](#)

To learn more about Alli here is her webiste:  
<https://www.alliwalker.ca>

## MEMBER NEWS

### Gord Maxwell

A Personal Tribute to Ian Tyson

Reflecting on my years of playing live and recording with Ian Tyson

Hi, this is Gord Maxwell. I am sure by now you have heard about Ian Tyson passing away. The man may be gone but he left a lifetime of songs! The following is a letter I wrote that was published in the Vancouver Sun. I'd like to share it with you as my tribute to a great Canadian icon and band mate.

I played bass, sang harmony and recorded 6 albums with Ian Tyson from 1997 to 2017. In those 20 years we drove many miles all over North America. I learned volumes about the music business, sticking true to your beliefs and how to work your butt off for perfection!

Ian had many levels. He was an intelligent, well read, multi-talented, inspired, often quirky man - driven by a work ethic that was off the charts. A self-proclaimed "prickly curmudgeon", it wasn't always an easy road, but we saw countless amazing places and met so many great people ... and played so many great songs! It was a third of my life that I wouldn't have given up for anything. Thank you Ian. And in your own words ... "Go easy, boss."

Gord Maxwell  
Port Coquitlam



### Peach & Quiet

BC's Peach & Quiet are set to release their upcoming sophomore LP "Beautiful Thing" on January 27th - an eclectic collection of folk, Americana and roots tunes.

Two years ago the duo Peach & Quiet, aka Jonny Miller & Heather Read, reached out to the world...



[MORE INFO](#)

# IMPORTANT DATES

## Artist of the Month

Ongoing deadline; To be released the first Friday of every month. [Read More](#)

## Member of the Week

Update your profile on the website and let us know who you are [HERE](#)

## NEWSLETTER CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

The BCCMA invites any members in good standing to submit industry relevant information for consideration and inclusion in The BCCMA NEWSLETTER. Please submit by the first Friday of each month, so we can be update on our information. As such, any news or statements presented in this part of the newsletter are not necessarily representative of and/or endorsed by the BCMA. Please send your news items for inclusion to [bccma@bcccountry.com](mailto:bccma@bcccountry.com) and note BCCMA NEWSLETTER in the subject line

Please keep submissions to 150-200 words (third person voice), include one high resolution photo (square images preferred) and a link to extended content

## Introducing:

## The BCCMA Volunteer Hub on Facebook

A facebook group to bring our community of volunteers together. This will be a place to see opportunities, as well as give feedback. We are a community in support of country music which is purely all volunteer. Come connect with us and say hello! Also welcome Monica Bodger who will be working with us. More to come, but for now head on over to [FACEBOOK GROUP](#)! You can also submit your interest as a volunteer [HERE](#)

# BCCMA

— BRITISH COLUMBIA —  
COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

## RESOURCES

### WOMEN <sup>IN</sup> MUSIC

+ CANADA

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Women in Music believes that the conversation around equality is an inclusive one, where all voices are welcome. Collectively, we are working to make the music industry a more diverse, equitable and inclusive community for all.

Driving the music economy by providing opportunities to further the careers of BC's music creatives & professionals.

FOR MORE ON [PROGRAMS](#)



British Columbia's creative industries are story tellers. We support them to reach their economic, social, environmental and creative potential - both at home and globally. [MORE](#)

SOCAN serves and champions more than 175,000 music creators, publishers and visual artists, advocates for them, and protects their rights. We license the world's music and collect and distribute royalties in Canada and around the world. [MORE](#)

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