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COCA-ites!

Welcome to your first e-bulletin edition of COCA Notes. I was hoping to get many more submissions than I actually received but I suppose this will have to do! Please keep those notes coming - I will try to send out another edition late in March. The new e-bulletin is definitely not flashy but it serves it's purpose of getting the information out to everyone. So, here goes... in the order they were received 'cause I don't feel like alphabetizing...

*Cheers,
Crystal Adair
Communications Chair (again!)*



York University - Crystal Adair

Hello, hello everyone...

York and my transition here has been relatively smooth. I have successfully managed to hang on tight and tough it out with the various colleges, student groups and even outside organizations that want a piece of York (and ultimately me!). I am definitely excited, and somewhat anxious, about Yorkfest in September. If any of you are around and not swamped with your very own O-week events please feel free to come watch me sweat, have a laugh, drink a few beverages and generally have a good time. Yorkfest this year will be September 14, 2005. Hope to see some of you there.

On a personal note... I finally picked a wedding date... next year June 2, 2006 at Casa Loma (yeah, yeah I know... princess getting married in a castle!). So, Earle, note this and make sure that Nationals don't fall on June 2... hehehe.

Hope everyone is well and that they finish the year just as excited and creative as they started!

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COCA Alumnus - Chris Thompson

Chris Thompson, 11 year COCA alumni reporting in (4 years at Mohawk and 7 years at Brock).

For the past 4 years I've been the Theatre Director at the IMAX Theatre in Niagara Falls. I still have my hand in the entertainment business. In 2004 I worked on the Much Music Video Awards, helped out Rich and Chris at Sheridan with their outdoor Finger 11 show, production managed shows with Finger 11 and Great Big Sea for local promoters, produced corporate events for TD Canada Trust and a bunch of other stuff.

Haven't seen many of my COCA friends in a while. Hello to Jay Dog, Younger and Jayne Woods, Ralph, Jack, Steve and Colin at the Agency Group, Jeff at Feldman, Rick Bronson, Tony Lee, Jay at Festival and anyone else I've forgotten and is still around!

Cheers,
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COCA Alumnus - Ken MacLeod

hey everyone...
just a quick hello and a bit of an update from Vancouver...

After moving out here in late sept i took a bit of time off to get settled in and clear my head a little - (living just steps from the beach, with a great view of the mountains makes that easy)...although it was a lot harder to find work then i thought it was going to be, i was lucky enough to be offered two positions on the same day in mid december...both were great opportunities, but i decided to take a job as the Fundraising and Office Administrator for the Terry Fox Foundation BC/Yukon Provincial Office...it is a great cause and although it is a little slow at the moment, i am sure come the summer i will be swamped (there are only 3 full time staff in our office, and we deal with more then 1.7 million dollars in donations each year!!...) I am still keeping my eyes open for any opportunity in the music industry, but am quite happy with the work i am doing at the moment...

Vancouver is a great place, with GREAT weather (it doesn't rain as much as everyone thinks), and all the ppl i have met have been really welcoming...that being said - i do miss Toronto and all the great ppl i was able to work with over the years...I will be moving back to Toronto at some point...i am definitely a Toronto kid at heart...but for now i am just trying to live in the moment and see where the day takes me...i am lucky to have been able to take

this chance, and i want to say a big thanks to all of you have supported me in this adventure...

well, i hope you are all doing well - and please feel free to stay in touch...i will probably be losing my york account at some point, so a safe bet for getting a hold of me if i am MIA is to get me at kennethmacleod@hotmail.com (write that one down in your address books!) - take care. talk to you all soon.

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COCA '05 - North by further North

Planning is in full swing for this year's National Conference in North Bay Ontario. Showcase packages were mailed out a few weeks ago and we've already received applications from a number of excellent artists. Showcases will include 3 Campus Music Explosion winners, 20 main stage acts, 5 comedy/variety acts, 2 film showcases including a drive-in movie, and 3 speakers at the lecture showcase. The Singer/Songwriter Circle will return as part of the education program that will also feature some excellent presenters such as Will Strickland speaking on "Understanding Hip Hop Culture".

This year, the Campus Hospitality Manager's Association (CHMA) will be holding their national conference at the same time in a neighboring hotel. We welcome this opportunity to share certain conference events with our colleagues. CHMA delegates will be joining us for one block of education sessions and a professional development session with food and beverage guru, John Taffer. CHMA delegates will also be welcome to attend our main stage showcases so do take advantage of this chance in a relaxed setting, to better understand the challenges faced by pub managers on our campuses.

Registration packages for schools will be mailed shortly but these documents will also be available on the COCA Website www.coca.org under "Conferences". In fact many general info docs are posted now so if you want to get a head start on booking hotel rooms or transportation, check it out on-line.

Chad "Buddah" Cardinal
Chair, COCA Conference Committee
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Earle Taylor
Executive Director, COCA

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Wolfman Productions - Sarah Rine

Hi this is Sarah Rine, the COCA Account Manager from Wolfman Productions. Wolfman Productions is a full service lecture, debate, and performing arts agency. I have been able to speak to some of you and I must say that everyone has been so nice & welcoming. I am looking forward to attending the "North by further North" Conference and getting to meet you all in person! See you in North Bay!

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Yuk Yuks on Tour - Holly Watt

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Dan Valkos

Greetings to one and all:

Dan Valkos here to give you a bit of an update on how my life is going. First of all, I want to thank all of the schools who have had me there this year. The students seemed to have loved finding out about their futures and have had a ball.

My television show is going gangbusters and I have just found out that my show is going to be submitted for nomination for a Galaxy award for the most entertaining show on Rogers. Wish me luck. This is one I cannot call. My show on CKPR has been moved to twice a week and is also getting great reviews. (Of course it is.)

It looks like my next book is going to be coming out in late fall so if it does, and you book me, I will bring you an autographed copy.

I am looking forward to seeing everybody in North Bay this year and you can all accost me in the halls and ask about your future. Till then, I wish you all; PEACE, LIGHT, LOVE AND LAUGHTER.

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PopJoy - Mark Watson

It's been a great year for POPJOY, and we owe a big part of that to COCA. Some of our accomplishments this past year were:

- getting signed to S&L Feldman's Roster, due to our COCA showcase
- being nominated for Entertainer of the Year at the 2004 Canadian Campus Entertainment Awards
- being voted Best Pop/Rock Act at the 2004 London Music Awards
- recording our radio single, 'Do I' with producer Matt Dematteo (Big Wreck, Edwin, The Watchmen)
- playing over 200 shows and over 30 Universities/Colleges all across Canada
- selling close to 9000 CD's independently
- receiving a clothing sponsorship from GSUS clothing company world wide.
- playing shows with artists such as Matthew Good, k-os, Finger Eleven, The Miniatures, The Trews

* Be sure to check out videos of some of our shows this year www.popjoy.ca

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S.L. Feldman & Associates - Sarah Lutz & Tom Kemp

Hello all COCA members, associate members and alumni!

We would like to thank everyone this year for all their support. We are very happy with the relationships that we have both acquired and grown since the last conference. Frosh 2004 was a great success with a ton of great bands playing the campuses and the rest of the year is proving to be the same.

SLFA have been busy these past couple of months expanding our team of agents and our roster! We would like to welcome Chris Amey and Glenn Vogelsang. Both agents bring the following additions to our roster: Stirling, Driveway, Death From Above 1979, Controller Controller, Uncut, Tangiers, From Fiction, Red Yellow, C'Mon, and Camouflage Nights.

For the past month or so we have also been planning and getting ready for CMW, the COCA National showcase and NXNE. It was great to see so many COCA people at CMW and if you think you will be in Toronto for NXNE (June 9-11) please give us a call, we would love to take you around and hang out.

We are looking forward to showcasing some of our new artists for the national COCA conference and hopefully we'll see all you there!

A list of Frosh avails will be coming out in the next week or so; 'til then

Best,

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TravelCuts - Robert Wooden

Plan Early for NORTH by further NORTH

We look forward to seeing all members at the National Conference in North Bay in June and Travel CUTS will be on board again this year as a sponsor. As there is limited air capacity we recommend booking early for travel to North Bay.

Travel plans before June? Check out our online booking engine at www.travelcuts.com - the only Internet Booking Engine in Canada with regular airfares + Student Class Airfares + charter airfares all in one screen! If you prefer dealing with a real live person, stop by or call any of our over 70 offices across Canada or call 1-888-FLY-CUTS (359-2887) 7 days a week.

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COCA Well Represented at CMW 2005

The halls of the Royal York Hotel saw a number of COCA members and alumni networking and schmoozing at this year's Canadian Music Week. As usual, our Western Region had the strongest showing with Dave Anderson (SAIT), Mike Anderson (NAIT), Chuck Erman (Medicine Hat), Shea Dahl (UBC), and Steve Derpack (UofA). Other members present include Jayson Duggan (McMaster), Kevin Duffy (Algonquin), John b. Young (Fanshawe), Bart Milczarczyk (Fanshawe) and James Steinhoff from Fanshawe who served as last year's COCA conference assistant. Alumni we spotted are Katherine Huisling and Gerry Stoll, both former UofA staff, Emmanuel Patterson, ex-Waterloo, and Chris Melnychuk, ex-Manitoba.

A number of COCA associate members could be seen at the CMW Festival bars or the Sennheiser Jam in Pipers at the Royal York which ran nightly to 4 am! Tom Kemp, Sarah Lutz and Justin Sudds represented S.L. Feldman & Associates. Mark Watson from Popjoy was in fine form networking for his clients. Omar and Ralph James (The Agency Group) were out scouting new talent when they landed Agency of the Year at the Canadian Music Industry Awards. Not to worry, award show host Mike Bullard accepted on their behalf. Congrats to Ralph, Jack, Omar and the rest of the staff at T.A.G.

Congratulations also go to Dave Anderson (SAIT) and partner Cory Popniuk (Dirtnap Productions) whose band "Tupelo Honey" won the Extreme Band Slam contest. Suffice it to say the A&R folks were suitably impressed. Check out the CMW website www.cmw.net under Talent Searches to see the great prizes the band took home. Call Omar at T.A.G. for booking info.

Strada, another act managed by Dirtnap treated us to a great set at the Sennheiser Jam in the wee foggy hours of Friday night but their real showcase at FunHaus on Thursday created a serious buzz amongst A&R reps in the packed "Haus". Contact Justin Sudds at SLFA for more info on this up and coming act.

Feedback from a number of delegates indicated that the education program at this year's CMW was one of the strongest ever seen in its 23 year history. Congrats to Neill Dixon and the CMW team for a great conference.

Earle Taylor
at the COCA Head Office



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