

STEAMBOAT 2022 ARTIST BIOS

Columbia River Dancers from Shuswap Band

This ensemble earned rave reviews at their recent performance at Panorama's spring festival. Learning and sharing their cultural traditions, these young dancers bring a touch of their ceremonial art – combining music, movement, story, community, and prayer – breathing from the heartbeat of this beautiful land.

A-Muse Troupe

A cirque-improv collective from Golden, these wonderful people and puppets have stunted and stilted and clowned around nine of our ten Steamboat festivals. Their dedication to the positive power of play brings festive frivolity to the eleventh Steamboat.

Shred Kelly

Emerging from the ski culture of the Canadian Rockies in 2009, this Fernie band has developed a distinctive high-energy alternative folk style that has made them a regional and national sensation. The multi-instrumentalist members are: Tim Newton, Sage McBride, Ty West, Ryan Mildenberger, and Jordan Vlasschaert, Ric Behan or Jesse Brian Lee on bass.

Tiller's Folly

Celebrating their 25th anniversary, this Vancouver band has toured all over Canada delighting audiences with a wide range of Celtic-based songs that embody their love of history, mystery, melody, harmony, and rollicking good fun. Members are Bruce Coughlan on vocals & acoustic guitar, Laurence Knighton bass & vocals, and Nolan Murray on fiddle, mandolin, and mandocaster.

Kootenay Lately

A little bit jazzy, a little bit funky, this Kimberley band has appeared at the 2020 Steamboat Online Festival and on our Steamboat 2021 Tenth Anniversary *Shake A Tree* Album. Pam Ruby is the group's lead vocalist, Theresa Reichert plays upright bass, Chad Andriowsky plays guitar and mandolin, and Brian Reichert plays drums.

Patty D, Emily Rawbon, & The Postmistress

These musicians have recently combined their talents to seek harmony in their divergent musical interests. Patricia Dodich is a rhythm guitar playing singer-songwriter who comes from a folk-country tradition. Emily Rawbon, the group's lead guitar player, is equally comfortable in rock, folk, blues, and jazz styles. Sylvia Power, Edgewater's actual postmistress, plays guitar and mandolin and likes her blue-collar folk with a darker edge.

The Wardens

Based in Canmore, the Wardens' stories and mountain music rise from the very land they've protected as Canadian national park wardens collectively for over 50 years. Scott Ward plays intricate finger-style guitar; Ray Schmidt plays upright bass, mandolin, and guitar; and Scott Duncan, who comes from generations of fiddle players, wields his own magic bow. They will also feature a special guest guitar man – Invermere's John Cronin.

Fairwater 54

This Columbia Valley Band takes its name from the 54 km driving distance between Fairmont and Edgewater. With their wide-ranging repertoire, they are a popular party band, full of good-times energy and strong musicianship. They share the vocal responsibilities, with John MacRobbie on bass & guitar, Mark Fraser on acoustic & electric guitars, Kevin Olson on all kinds of guitars, including a wild slide, and Barry Cerny drives the drum kit.

Tennyson King

A true indie folk-rock nomad, Tennyson King was born in Hong Kong, raised in Canada, and he has travelled the world playing his music from Tasmania to China, Southeast Asia to the Yukon. If you're looking for a place where your soul can be wild and your heavy heart assuaged, Tennyson King's expansive music can take you there.

Rockinomix

A four-piece, high energy, classic rock band with a playlist that spans decades of highly danceable music. With multiple vocalists, this group offers something sure to please almost everyone -- covering bands such as Queen, Van Halen, Pink Floyd, Steppenwolf, April Wine, ZZ Top, Bryan Adams, the Beatles, and more. Forming 20 months ago, this group has quickly established itself as a premier band for the Columbia Valley. Rockinomix are: David L'Hirondelle on lead vocals & rhythm guitar, Eli Beingessner on lead guitar & vocals, Kevin Olson on bass guitar & vocals, and Lori Bru on drums & vocals.

Broke Down Trucks

The Howse brothers began playing together in Canal Flats, but since moving to the Okanagan, they've grown into a seriously rocking band of friends and guest musicians. Whether you like to hit top speed or cruise the rural route, catch a ride with Broke Down Trucks - Chris Howse on vocals & guitar, Jon Howse on vocals, guitar & mandolin, Marc Gobeil on drums and Greg Beloin on bass.

Ian Wilson

Appearing at Steamboat Festival many times over the years as part of the Chisel Peak Blues Band. One of his tunes is included on Steamboat's *Shake A Tree* album. Recently he has been writing more original songs. With his blues-based style and his quirky, witty lyrics, he is branching out in new directions, but he's still quite connected to his roots.

Kurt Reichel & Deb Ede

It's hard to classify this popular local duo. Deb's butterscotch voice and Kurt's original song-writing and deft guitar work give them a distinctive sound that never fails to twang the heartstrings.

Catherine Tumason

Cat's folky, bluesy style has a humorously haunting quality that goes perfectly with her soulful voice. A Columbia Valley original, she writes lots of her own songs and plays numerous instruments.

Kyle Mosure

A rancher from Brisco, Kyle established a jam night at Brisco Hall that has attracted some of the region's best musicians. His style is pure country. He has a herd of horses and knows how to round-'em-up. And he knows how to rock his cowboy songs.

Emma Postlethwaite

This Invermere singer-songwriter has attended Steamboat Festival since she was a little girl, beginning as a tiny dancer at the edge of the stage. Emma played her first Steamboat tweener set at age twelve, and has been performing at local venues ever since. She contributed a tune on our Tenth Anniversary album, *Shake A Tree*. Now, at age eighteen, she is in the process of a solo CD. Emma was awarded the Steamboat Music Bursary in 2017 and in 2021.