



The Country Music Singers Association of Oklahoma presents

★ Heartland Opry

501(c)(3)

nonprofit organization

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CMSA Calendar

CMSA Meeting & Dinner: 7:00

p.m.

February 6 (Monday)

3925 S.E. 29th St., Del City, Ok 73135

CMSA Country Music Show:

7:00 p.m.

January 4, 18 (Saturdays)

3925 S.E. 29th St., Del City, Ok 73135

Open Mic Nights: 6:30 p.m.

January 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tuesdays)

3024 S I-35 Service Rd, OKC, Ok
73129

Gospel Praise Night: 7 pm

January 10 (Friday)

3701 S Magnolia St., OKC, Ok 73129

Newsletter Submission Deadline

January 22 (Friday)

newsletter@heartlandopry.com

Entertainers Upcoming Events

Ginger Boles

Nancy Borum

Bobby and Brenda Dannatt

Donna Fisher

Kirk Heldreth

Cynthia Heldreth with Daryl Larson

Aislinn Henry

Sherry Miller

Laura Mae

Donna Marie

January 3rd, 2014

Journey with the King Gospel Music Show -

A tribute and memorial for Al Boles.

UAN Studio, Dallas, Texas

Larry Darnell

January 25, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Collinsville Opry, Collinsville, Ok

Jeremy Rodgers

January 25, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

The Redskin Theater, Rush Springs, Ok

Birthdays

13. Taylor Sams
24. Darrel Graef
26. Trasy Barnett
28. Natalee Karcher
31. Donna Fisher



Anniversaries

None Listed for the Month of January

All members going to Pigeon Forge for the NACMAI National Competition, here is the information needed on the Host Hotel.

Spirit Of The Smokies Condo Lodge
2385 Parkway - Pigeon Forge, TN 37863-3286
[\(865\) 453-4106](tel:8654534106) / (800) 843-6686

Week of March 9, 2014

The rates this year are 39.95 for the week days and 59.95 for Friday and Saturday (plus taxes)

Please mention that you are with NACMAI to get the discounted rate.



Looking forward to: Pigeon Forge, Tennessee March 9th-16th

I hope that each and every one of you has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With the election over with, I hope that we, as an organization can work together to promote the Country, Bluegrass and Gospel talent of Oklahoma.

I want to tell you how much Laura and I love each of you and appreciate your support. It encourages us to know that you are behind us in the things we are trying to do for the organization.

I am happy to announce that the new year of 2014 is going to be one of growth for the organization; there are plans in the working that all members are going to love.... Please stay tuned....

Both of our Christmas shows were cancelled due to bad weather, so the December 5th show will be moved to January 4th and the December 21st show will be moved to January 18th.

If you want to be on a show, just email our talent coordinator at talent@heartlandopry.com,

We have also changed the dates for the CMSA Business meeting, we have decided to go to a schedule of every other month. We will be holding them on the FIRST Monday of every even numbered month (ex. February, April and so on). This is YOUR organization as much as it is mine, or any other Board member. We do want to know what you think and feel. I can't do it alone, the board can't do it alone, and nobody can do it alone. **Please remember, our first business meeting of 2014 will be February 3rd.**

We are at Denny's (I-35 and SW 29th) for Open Mic. Hope to see you there every Tuesday night from 6:30 till 9. We have been packing house, please come and check us out. The singing has been so great and we have been holding auditions here as well. Don't be left out, come and join in the fun.

I would like to remind you that we have e-mail accounts that you can use (ex. Your.Name@heartlandopry.com). This is a great way to advertise the Heartland Opry. Please email me at kevin@heartlandopry.com to obtain your email today.

Remember that **CMSA** is an **ORGANIZATION** worth promoting!

Looking forward to a great time,

Kevin Tatum

**Updated Contact info
inside this issue.**



Artist of the Month

Abby Carlsson

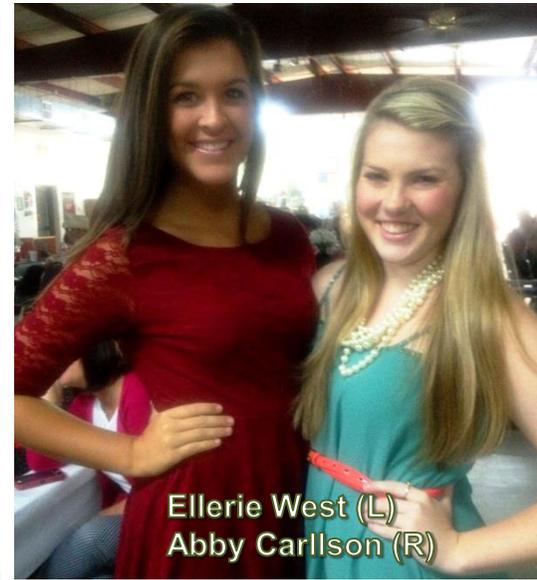
Abby Carlsson is a Junior at Christian Heritage Academy, where she is a member of the honor society, debate team and President of the Mu Alpha Theta chapter.

Abby has been singing for 6 years and opened the Red Hawks season by singing the national anthem this year. She also preformed at the Rodeo Opry, Heartland Opry and at Chick Singers night in Dallas, TX. She recently preformed at Six Flags over Texas at a holiday event.

Even though her love for country music is a newly found passion, her love for country life isn't. Abby has had 2 horses, Ellie and Cowboy, and has competed in many shows in Oklahoma and Texas.

A big thank you goes out to Amanda Earhart, Abby's vocal coach for helping her become all she can be with the gifts God has given to her.

Look for Abby on the February 8th Heartland Opry show, and on the Rodeo Opry in February, as well.



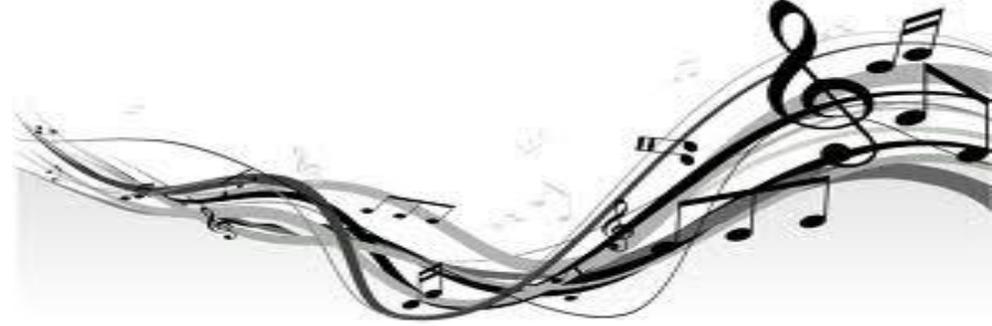
Ellerie West (L)
Abby Carlsson (R)





Vice President

Donna Fisher



Christmas is over, but hopefully the kindness and love will continue.

As we look forward to the New Year, I am excited about the great things that are on the horizon. There have been a lot of changes in the past year and there will be more in the next year. I want to thank you all for your support and your patience.

Several of us have been learning how to do jobs that are new to us. There have been some great triumphs and a few bumps in the road. We have added new members and more fantastic entertainers. There are new friends and new opportunities for our organization.

We have some exciting times ahead. Great shows; The Gong Show (hilarious and crazy), workshops, NACMAI Competition in Pigeon Forge, fundraisers and benefits, Open Mic at Denny's, and new venues for our performers. We as your board members are working to make new contacts and opportunities, but we need your help. We need your ideas, your input and your hands and feet. CMSA only works if we all work together and help out.

I want to say thank you to every person that helped this year in any capacity; loading equipment, decorating, taking pictures, getting sponsors, taking tickets, doing sound when Kevin couldn't, singing, emceeing, cleaning up after shows, arranging every aspect of the competition, all of the thousands of things that made it work this year. We can't do it without you.

Remember to be positive and upbeat when you talk about your organization. We are all "public relations" and "ambassadors" for CMSA wherever we go. It's going to be a great new year. Come to the awesome show and to Open Mic to support our entertainers. Come and enjoy friendship and fellowship.

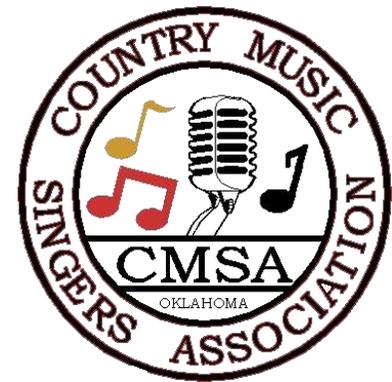
Together we can and will accomplish amazing things. God bless you, Donna Fisher

PRESS RELEASE

NACMAI Week 2014

Monday March 10 - Sunday March 16

Hall of Fame Show Saturday Night March 15 • Award Show Sunday March 16





Education Director

Nancy Borum

JANUARY TIPS AND TRICKS

It never fails that when we all go to Pigeon Forge someone is going to have a sore throat or get the “mountain bug” that goes around. How many of you ended up losing your voice and were really struggling for a quick fix? Maybe these ideas can help.

Don't eat foods that add mucous, such as milk, ice cream or other dairy products. Don't eat foods that dry the throat like citrus fruits or alcohol. Overly spicy foods and coffee can irritate the throat. Sodas or other fizzy drinks put lots of air in your stomach. Anything ice cold will make your throat constrict. Warm water or herbal tea is best.

Try one of these: Licorice tea or candy (experiment with this, some people get an uncomfortably speedy buzz from licorice), baking soda or salt water gargles (see below), honey, sugar lozenges, steam, certain herbal teas -- which teas to drink varies from person to person so experiment.

You've probably heard that honey/lemon/and hot water are helpful if you have mucous in your throat. But remember that lemon is drying so don't overdo it. I prefer gargling. Here's the best way; if your throat feels gunky and/or irritated: mix 1/4 teaspoon baking soda + one cup warm water. Take a small amount of fluid in your mouth and gargle at a high pitch-this causes your vocal cords to contract and rise closer to where you are actually gargling. Your epiglottis (the hangy-down thing in the back of your throat) will prevent the fluid from actually reaching your vocal cords. Spit and repeat several times.

When pollens or other allergies hit, you get post-nasal drip, and mucous drips down to your vocal cords and irritates them. Prescription allergy medicines can overly dry out your cords. Instead, clean out your nose with saline then line it with Vaseline or its equivalent. This prevents the allergens from getting into your system and setting you off. This won't help after an allergic reaction, but do it first thing in the morning as a preventative measure during allergy season.

I hope these ideas help. More next month.

Nancy B.





Gospel Show Coordinators

John Monroe

Want to be on a Gospel Show?

405-206-7323

Please contact John Monroe to be part of a wonderful experience with some of our most talented local gospel singers at Grand Blvd. Baptist Church the second Friday of each month.



Gospel Praise Night in Review

The Gospel show in December was great. We were blessed with great singing and praise from our own CMSA singers and special guests. What a show and inspiration it was!

Lela Dalby, with her beautiful voice blessed us, especially with her A cappella rendition of "O Holy Night".

Marsha Springer, who has one of the best pure country voices, gave us her usual spirited music.

Rod Jones was a simply great singer and is a person who always inspires us with his singing.

Sherry Miller was fantastic, with her beautifully expressed performance of inspired music and singing.

Our special guests from the South Sooner Cowboy Church Gospel Band, with their great variety of gospel music and instrument performance, were Awesome. The group plays weekly at the South Sooner Cowboy Church, and we hope to have them back in the near future.

We have other special guests, such as From The Heartland Bluegrass and other groups coming in the future. Be sure and watch for the advertisement.

Our prayer is to glorify our Lord in these services. Just remember, we all gather in these services to help us remember what He has done for all of us. And, this we all need to do, especially during this time of the year.

Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to the next show. May the Lord Bless You.

John Monroe



Scholarship Chairperson

Teri Newby

Scholarship Info

Contact Teri for information about current and future scholarship information. She will be glad to help you! She is also one of our go-to gals for our annual CMSA State Competition!!!

Teri Newby at colenewby@sbcglobal.net or 405-623-5058.

CMSA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes Oklahoma Talent through the college years... and beyond.

Please keep in mind that CMSA offers two different scholarships to individuals who are pursuing a career in the music industry.

JAN BARTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$500



**Scholarship Application
Deadline
January 15th, 2014**

RALPH MCCOY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000



**Scholarship Application
Deadline
January 15th, 2014**

Both scholarships are "ability-based" and will be awarded according to outstanding achievement in academics, community service, and accomplishments in the music fields related to country, gospel, and bluegrass music genres. In the event of a tie, financial need will be taken into consideration when selecting a recipient.

For more information, visit www.cmsaok.com or contact **Teri Newby** at colenewby@sbcglobal.net or 405-623-5058.

Best Wishes, CMSA



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News Letter

Editor

Cynthia Heldreth

Submit Performance Information Here!

Contact Cynthia to submit your event dates and entertainment information. She checks her email about once a week, and will not send an email response unless it is necessary or requested.

newsletter@heartlandopry.com

2014 Artists of the Month!

February David Franklin

March Heather Martin

April Destiny McElfresh

May Kirk Heldreth

June Ellerie West

July Michael Dalby

August Wanda Van Gundy

September Ashley LaRae

October Kailyn Jolliff

November Tina Anderson

December Taylor Sams

If your name is on the list above, please email your artist bio information and up to four pictures to Cynthia by the 20th of the month **prior to the month beside your name**. Your information will appear in the newsletter and on the Heartland Opry Website, www.heartlandopry.com.

NOTICE: Your CMSA membership must be current to participate as Artist of the Month.



Membership

Chairperson

Lottie Northcutt

Become a CMSA Member

(405) 634-7252 Mailbox 1

(405) 488-7948 – personal number

Lottie.northcutt@integrisok.com

Even if you are not an entertainer, but love music, you can support our Oklahoma talent by becoming a valued CMSA member. The CMSA is a not-for-profit organization that is family oriented. The only qualification to become a member is that you love country, bluegrass or gospel music!

Contact Lottie for membership information. Please complete and return the membership application, filling out all blanks completely.

2014 CMSA MEMBERSHIP DUES

RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP

SINGLE \$ 17.00

COUPLE \$ 25.00

FAMILY \$ 35.00

GROUP \$ 40.00

NEW MEMBERSHIP

SINGLE \$ 20.00

COUPLE \$ 30.00

FAMILY \$ 35.00

GROUP \$ 40.00



Talent Coordinator *Donna Marie*

**Want to be on a
CMSA / Heartland Opry, Country /
Bluegrass show?**

(405) 634-7252 mailbox 2
(405) 823-9784 – personal number

Donna.marie@heartlandopry.com

Once you are booked, the talent coordinator will **need your song selections by 6 p.m. on the Tuesday before your scheduled show** or you may not be able to perform on that show.

If, for some excusable reason you must cancel your performance opportunity, do not leave a voice message. Contact the talent coordinator directly as soon as possible.

Watch your email closely, as soon there will be a newly appointed talent coordinator.



Sponsorship Info *Bobbie Doss*

**Give the Gift of Sponsorship.
Receive a TAX DEDUCTION!**

Contact Bobbie Doss if you know someone who would like to sponsor a CMSA Show or Gospel Praise Night.

(405) 708-8101

It's more than just a sponsorship; it is helping our entertainers live out their dreams on stage!

Thank you, for your support!

Happy New Year

2014 is HERE!

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Thanks, Kevin Tatum

Entertainer's CD's

The following entertainers have CD's available.

Tina Anderson

Ginger Boles

Cutter Elliott

George Harrison

Kirk Heldreth (Elvis Tribute Artist)

Tiffany Henry

Destiny McElfresh

Georgia Motley

Dale and Chery Tiller

Donna Marie Urbassik

Amanda and Destiny

Anita Walker

Country Music Singer's Association of Oklahoma

presents

★ Heartland Opry

Open Mic Night

Every Tuesday evening
from 6:30 to 9:00PM



at

3024 South I-35 Service Road
(S.E. 29th and I-35)
Oklahoma City, OK



CMSA / Heartland Opry Leadership and Contacts

CEO / President: **Kevin Tatum**

Vice President: **Donna Fisher**

Secretary: **Nancy Borum**

Treasurer: **Mildred McCoy**

Historian:

Sargent-At-Arms: **Richard Doss**

Talent Committee Chairman: **Donna Urbassik**

Ways and Means: **Linda Erickson**

Membership Chairman: **Lottie Northcutt**

Public Relations: **Donna Fisher**

Advertising and Promotions: **Mary Bruce**

Educational Director and Seminars Chairman: **Nancy Borum**

Competition Committee Chairman: **Teri Newby**

Newsletter Chairman/Publisher and Editor: **Cynthia Heldreth**

Scholarships Chairman: **Teri Newby**

Scholarships Co-chairman: **Sherry Miller**

Web Sites: **Kevin Tatum**

Facebook: **Nancy Borum**

Show Sponsorships: **Bobbie Doss**

By Laws Committee and 501(c)(3) Development Committee:

Donna Fisher, Kevin Tatum

Prayer Requests

Ashley, Dale – Medical

Ashley, Sandy – Medical for her mother

Boles, Ginger Medical

Erickson, Linda – Medical

Franklin, David and Vickie – Medical

Henderson, Martha – Medical

Massey, Glynn - Medical

McCoy, Mildred - Medical

McElfresh, Destiny – Medical

McElfresh, Mary – Medical

Miller, Bill - Medical

Miller, Jeanetta – Medical

Miller, Patti (Crist) – Cancer

Morgan, Lovella – Medical



☺ Ways and Means ☺

Check out the “Ways and Means” table at the CMSA shows for information on ways to help your organization.

Clothing, cookbooks, pledges...

For more information contact:

Linda Erickson

(405) 808-9346

or

Wendy Henry

(405) 672-7490

wndythewitch@cox.net

We appreciate your support!

Country Music Singers Association (CMSA)

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Country and Western Museum and Hall of Fame

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Del City, Ok 73135



CMSA Phone Numbers

(405)-634-7252

Mailbox 1: Membership Info

Lottie Northcutt

Mailbox 2: Performance Info

Donna Marie Urbassik

Mailbox 3: Gospel Performance Info

John Monroe

Mailbox 4: Event Info

Mailbox 5: Show Sponsorship Info

Bobbie Doss

Mailbox 6: Contact the President

Kevin Tatum

CMSA Clothing



Caps - \$11.00

Youth Caps - \$9.50

T-shirts, S-XL - \$9.00

Sweat Shirts, S-XL - \$15.00

Jackets – Vary in style and price.

The base price for our most popular jacket is

\$49.00

Add CMSA logo on front - \$6.00

Add Name on front - \$6.00

Add CMSA Logo on Back - \$20.00

***Add 5% for shipping and 8.375% for sales



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**Great Gifts for Members and
Entertainers!**