

THE BROCK BUZZ

Kelly Brock



Welcome Friends and Fans!

Hope everyone had a great summer. It was a busy one for Kelly but nothing slows this woman down!

See what this busy country artist and Mom has been up to in this issue of the Brock Buzz.

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WAKE UP! A THIRD SINGLE HITS THE AIR WAVES!

West-coast Singer/Songwriter and Country-Rock Recording Artist Kelly Brock releases her third single "**Wake Up**" from her critically acclaimed CD, *Rebel Kind* to Canadian Country Radio.

The track is a mid-tempo, radio-friendly, country-pop tune that has wide appeal. The song is about escaping the daily stressors of life by dreaming of white sands and tropical beaches. "**Wake up to the sound of the ocean/ Wake up to a life in slow motion/ My toes in the sand the sun and blues skies above/ This is the life then I wake up**" I don't know about you but I've got a strong desire for a pina colada.

Brock's first two singles, "Cowboy Boots and Levis" and "Rebel Kind" have been very well received at country radio across the nation. With four recent nominations for the BCCMA awards (Best Female Vocalist, Album of the Year, SOCAN Songwriter of the Year and Single of the Year), Kelly's latest CD is starting to get some serious attention from the industry. So far the new CD has been critically acclaimed and has received excellent reviews including a "B" rating from John McLaughlin at the

Vancouver Province, 4 out of 5 stars from **TV Week** and a very positive review from Ottawa's influential **Country Music News Magazine**.

As a songwriter, many of Kelly's songs have been featured in a variety of film and television programs, including **Smallville, Dawson's Creek, Joan of Arcadia, The Surreal Gourmet, The Chris Isaak Show** and others. Brock's past radio singles and music videos have also seen rotation on many Canadian Country and A/C radio stations along with **MuchMoreMusic** and **CMT Canada**. Over the years, Brock has garnered accolades and industry support including recently placing as a finalist in the **John Lennon Song-Writing Contest** for her song, *Thirty-Something* and she won the **Unisong Songwriting Contest** in 2002 for her song, *If I Was President*. Along with writing and recording her own material.

As a recording artist Brock has also had the pleasure of working with many of her peers including fellow recording artists **Barney Bentall, Dustin Bentall** and Barry Mathers of **The Cruzeros** who all contributed back-ground vocals on her new CD, *Rebel Kind*. She has also worked in the studio with **Chad**

Kroeger - Nickelback, **Brian Howes** - Hinder, Avril Lavigne and Hedley and **Mike Reno** - Loverboy. Brock also sings back-ups in concert with **Loverboy** and will be featured in their up and coming 2007 live concert DVD release.

Kelly nominated for four BC Country Music Awards!

Kelly has been nominated for Best Female Vocalist, Album of the Year, SOCAN Songwriter of the Year and Single of the Year for the song, "Cowboy Boots and Levis". She is also scheduled to perform at the 31st annual BCCMA awards which will take place on **Sunday, October 28th at the Red Robinson Showcase Theater in Coquitlam, BC**. For tickets and more details on the show, please go to: <http://www.bccountry.com/>

REBEL SELL: Burnaby's Kelly Brock is letting her roots show

Angel dust is to country-music-biz reality as a Band-Aid is to your knee in that path of real life. Doesn't stick. For all the Carrie Underwood tales of overnight success there are tons more about those who had to turn the car around for home, the Nashville city-limits sign in their rearview mirror.

Which isn't to say they weren't good, only that the Nashville brain trust-ahem-couldn't see the newbie's potential. Burnaby-raised Kelly Brock made the trek south years ago, and was told by the A&R woman at Warner Music, the one who signed Faith Hill, that Brock wasn't country or southern enough.

She took it to heart and came back to Vancouver. Soon after, Shania Twain got very famous.

Today Kelly Brock finally releases that country album she wanted to make, lo those many years ago. In the meantime, she has become amazingly creative figuring out how to eek a living out of making music. Whether it's placing songs with film and TV productions, singing jingles or performing in any number of genres live in clubs, she's got it down.

She's been in bands like Los Durangos, and '80s country-rock group a la the Byrds, and went New Wave for a while with Innocent 3, winning a local contest and time in the studio with producers Paul Hyde and the late Brian "Too Loud" McLeod.

More lately she's been singing jazz with 10 Cents a Dance, though her longest-running gig has been with Dr. Strangelove at the Roxy the last 10 years. She calls it her day job.

Working there she met people like Tom Arnold and Randy Jackson, Michael's brother, who told her, "It's really evident and obvious you really enjoy being on stage, you really enjoy performing." Save Brock: "That's probably one of the nicest things anyone's ever said to me."

Brock has quite a knack for meeting

and hanging with big names. A friend of hers was the guitar player for Amanda Marshall, who was booked to play at the grand opening of the Virgin megastore in Vancouver six or so years ago. He asked Brock to come down and take a few pictures to remember the gig by.

She struck up a conversation with Richard Branson, he came to her show that night with a bunch of people and she ended up with invitations to other store openings in Las Vegas and New York. She ultimately got to England and stayed at Branson's parents' summer cottage for a couple of days.

And then there was the time she was spending time with Keith Urban on one of her Nashville trips.

"He lived next door to a friend of mine and they were buddies," says Brock.

"I had gone down with a girlfriend and we all went out for dinner, and afterwards went back and jammed a bit down in the basement. At the time I don't even think Keith had a record deal, he was struggling, but I was thinking, 'oh, this guy's kinda cute.'

"Next night he had a showcase and he said, 'You girls have to come.' He was trying to pack the room. I had no idea how talented he was and he just blew my mind."

While Urban went on to build a fabulous profile in country, Brock came back to Vancouver and developed her multi-tasked musical career. But watching the advent of artists like Gretchen Wilson and Big & Rich has her excited about finally making her country move.

"I've always loved country; I grew up on a lot of it," says Brock. "And country music is far more accepting of female artists, and you can age in country and still have a career. There isn't the ageism you see in pop and rock 'n' roll. And in Canada there's more of a community in country.

"Yeah, I really want to do it, putting my own twist on it."



**Kelly Brock
Rebel Kind
(Pacific Music/Warner)**

The veteran Vancouver singer/songwriter has found her true calling at the rockier end of the wide country spectrum, which gives her plenty of room to let that big voice have its way. Best thing here is her title tune, "Rebel Kind", where Brock lays down her world view. It's followed closely by "Cowboy Boots and Levis", the Keith Urban-inspired shuffle that deserves hit status, while "Thirty Something" is reminiscent of Gretchen Wilson's call to arms, only her Brock is singing about the post-20's women who still actually have vibrant lives, go figure. A BCCMA lock, wait and see. **B**

-- J.P.M



**My Mommy is the best but
I'm the cutest!
Kelly and Cam's daughter Kayla
6 months old**

Kelly's Summer Photo Album

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NEW SONGS!!

Rebel Kind

Thirty Something

Wake Up

Cowboy Boots and Levis

Visit her Web Site:

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Kelly's #1 Fan and
growing bigger
everyday!



Kelly's summer gigs included her CD Release party, the Merritt Mountain Music Festival and Campground C's, Country-Rock Festival in Whistler, B.C.

Kelly rocked the house at the Media Club in Vancouver to celebrate the release of her latest CD "Rebel Kind". The house was packed with family, friends and fans who got a chance to see Kelly perform tracks off her new CD. What a great show!

At Campground C's, Country-Rock Festival in Whistler, BC the weather was gloomy but that didn't deter the fans who braved the rain and came out to see Kelly as well as **Spirit of the West, Aaron Pritchett, The Cruzeros and Damian Marshall**. The first of what hopes to be an annual event gave Kelly the prestigious honour of being the only female artist on the bill.

Upcoming Performances

September 30th 8:00pm

Roosters Country Cabaret - Pitt Meadows, BC

British Columbia Country Music Association Awards Show

Sunday, October 28th

Red Robinson Showcase Theater in Coquitlam, B.C. For tickets and more details on the show, please go to: <http://www.bccountry.com/>



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