

Front Porch Productions - April 2009 Newsletter

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1. April News

GMA Covenant Awards - host a traveling concert

This fall you have an opportunity to host a **traveling concert night** with Christian Artists in Alberta during the week of the GMA Awards in Calgary. Leroy Harder, from GMA Canada will be putting together a tour of artists that are coming to Calgary. This will be a opportunity to see great Christian Artists for a **freewill offering concert in your town**. Let me know if you are interested and we will pass your name along to Leroy.

We are excited to be *hosting* one of the *Concert Nights* during the week of the **GMA Awards week in 2009**. This will be at the Victory Church in Claresholm, Alberta (an hour south of Calgary) and will feature 3 or 4 artists from across the country. We will let you know more details as we get closer to the event.

The 2008 GMA Awards in Calgary were a great success. It never ceases to amaze me the talent that we have here in Canada. Congratulations to **Jon Bauer** on 2008 Male Vocalist of the Year. To find out who was nominated and how they did, check out www.gmacanada.ca

Jon Bauer - New Kids Worship CD ...

The new kids worship album from Alberta's [Jon Bauer](#) entitled – "**Giver of Grace - Kids Worship: Volume 1**" dedicated to his 9 month-old son Emerson was released in September '08. The CD is available either at your favourite Christian Book Store or on his website. Jon's song **Giver of Grace** was selected for the upcoming CD - TOP20 INDIEWORSHIP. The songs and artists on TOP 20 WORSHIP showcase some of the best worship songs from today's emerging worship leaders. Check out the upcoming tours list to see his Spring Eastern Canada Tour

Matt Brouwer's National 'Love Can Save a Life' 2009 Tour...

Canadian Artist [Matt Brouwer](#) returns to Canada this year. He is touring in Ontario and Alberta in September/October 2009. Check out his website to find out the cities along the way. (www.mattbro.com) Matt's New single, **Beautiful Now**, from his latest CD' **Where's Our Revolution**, has risen to #1 on CRW Global AC and CanCon Charts. Brouwer's *Where's Our Revolution* is currently available in limited release throughout the U.S. and Canada as well as online, with a massive distribution deal in the works for 2009.

Jeanette Petkau

Based in Langley BC, Jeannette has just returned from a very productive ministry trip to Mexico and will be traveling in BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan this spring and summer. Check out [her ministry](#) and see what she can add to your community event or outreach.

New Artists with FPR...

Quimi

We are excited to announce that [Quimi \(Kee-Mee\)](#) from Nashville has joined us here at Front Porch Productions. Quimi just released her self titled debut album produced by the Katinas and will be **opening for Matt Brouwer** on the May West Coast leg of the "**Love Can Save a Life**" tour. She sings in English as well as Spanish and we invite you to check out her [info-sheet](#) for more info on her music and ministry.

Jodi Faith

Also new to us this month is Country Artist [Jodi Faith](#) from Saskatchewan. Jodi has received many awards since her debut album '**Second Chance**' was nominated in 2005 as **Outstanding Christian Recording** at the **Western Canadian Music Awards**... the album was also honored as a **2006 Covenant Award** nominee as **country album of the year** and her husband/manager Bob Faith was also a nominated for his song, **Book Of Life**, from the album. Jodi will be touring Canada this year with her new album **Now is the Time** on her **My Destiny Tour**

Stephanie Israelson now in New Brunswick...

Past Covenant Award winner [Stephanie Israelson](#) has moved with her husband and family from Ontario to New Brunswick. She will continue to base her music ministry there and we invite all of our friends in the Maritimes to consider having her come to their church event now that she is so close.

Sonflowerz opening for Third Day during tour in Great Britain

[The Sonflowerz](#) will open for U.S.-based Grammy Award winners, **Third Day**, on June 3rd in London, England. Ignite Ministries will host the concert at The Forum, a 2,100 capacity theatre-style venue in Kentish Town, North London. The Sonflowerz will also appear at major festivals across the U.S., including Atlanta Fest, Creation Festival East and West, and NightVision. **Heading to Canada in August**, check out the upcoming tour section for more information.

2. The Story Behind the Music ... Jodi Faith

Jodi Faith has overcome many obstacles along her journey to a full-time successful music career and ministry. Beginning when she was 12 years old, she was offered a recording contract in New York City, "They said, you could be the next Tanya Tucker, which," she says, "Quite frankly scared the socks off my conservative parents who said, "absolutely not"."

In 2005 - Jodi enjoyed watching her brand new career kick off with an exciting year with 5 awards from the Country Gospel Music Association and 50 + performances & over 30,000 kms. traveled thru-out Saskatchewan, Alberta and Branson, Missouri too! Jodi was honored as a **2006 Covenant Award nominee** as "**Second Chance**" is nominated as country album of the year and Bob is also a nominee for his song, Book Of Life, from the album!

My husband Robert and I have been in fulltime ministry for the last 4 years as "Missionaries to Canada and the World" and have been working to simply live out the vision in what ever simple ways we are able. Today however God brought back to my remembrance the fullness of what He showed me almost exactly 7 years ago... interesting! I believe He has chosen to do so – for such a time as this! **Mark 12:30-31 (NIV) - Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."**

"I know we will continue to live out this vision until Jesus comes again! Time is short ! We believe we will be held accountable for the spiritual climate in Canada and we must gather together in one accord so that they might know we are Christians by our love! Will you please join us! " **Jodi Faith**

Jodi's latest album '**Now is the Time**' was released in 2007 and was nominated for 2008 Country Gospel Album of the Year by the Saskatchewan Country Music Association and was picked up for distribution across Canada by Universal Music. Her **My Destiny Tour** kicks off this summer, check the tour info below for more info.

Check out Jodi Faith at: www.jodifaith.com

To book Jodi in your church contact Richard today at (403)315-2199 or info@frontporchrecords.com

3. Up-Coming Tours - by Region

*All of our artists are available on an ongoing basis across the country, but here are the tours that are in process .
...concerts, church luncheons, reunions, community outreach, ladies/men's ministries, conferences ...
... the right music for your event ...*

The Maritimes

- [Matt Brouwer](#) will be in the Maritimes for the weekend of **July 10** and we still have some spots available.
- [Stephanie Israelson](#) has moved to New Brunswick and is available for ministry there on an ongoing basis. She has a great girls and womens ministry, though her music appeals to everyone as well.

Ontario and Quebec

- [Jon Bauer](#) will be heading to Ontario **December 3-6**, and we invite you to book your worship concert with Jon. He also has a great worship workshop that would be a great encouragement to your church.
- [Matt Brouwer](#) will be back in Ontario with the **"Love Can Save a Life"** Tour in **October 15-18** of 2009.
- [Paul Turner](#) from Barrie is available on an ongoing basis in Central Canada.

British Columbia and Alberta

- [Jodi Faith](#) will be touring with her [My Destiny](#) tour **May 24 - Aug 29** in Alberta and British Columbia. Contact us for available dates.
- [The Sonflowerz](#) will be traveling to Claresholm Alberta on **August 21** and is available that weekend in southern Alberta
- [Jon Bauer](#) will be in Claresholm Alberta on **July 10** and is available that weekend in southern Alberta and SE British Columbia

Saskatchewan and Manitoba

- [Jodi Faith](#) will be touring with her [My Destiny](#) tour **Aug 30 - Oct 12** in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Contact us for available dates.
- [Matt Brouwer](#) will be passing through Manitoba and Saskatchewan **October 22-23**

Northwest USA

- [Matt Brouwer](#) will be in California on May 8 -10 and will be traveling up through Oregon and Washington **May 11-15**. He will be traveling with his band and opening act [Quimi](#) from Nashville.

4. Booking a Home Concert

Do you want to try something different ? What about booking a home concert.

A home concert is usually acoustic and in a home setting such as a Bible Study group or Youth Group or even just a group of friends sitting around in the backyard. Great for weddings our family gatherings. For an artist it is a great way to fill in the gaps in a tour schedule as they travel to another region, and also a great way to get to know your fans on a different level. For the host, it is a great way to get to know the artist and the music you love on a more personal level.

Often an artist will want some kind of remuneration for coming, but many will come for any donation - it really depends on their expenses and their schedule.

Tips for booking a home concert;

- *the artist will need to be put up for the night with supper before the concert and breakfast in the morning.*
- even though you would love to sit and chat till the early morning hours, be sensitive for the artists need to get rest and relax for the next day travels/singing.
- let us know if you are interested in hosting a home concert, and we will let you know when the artist you would like is travelling through the area you are in.

Click on [House Concert](#) for more information and ideas.

5. *Featured Artists ...*

Canadian Artists

- Jack Jackson www.jackjackson.com/media
- Jeannette Petkau www.jeannettepetkau.com
- Jodi Faith www.jodifaith.com
- Jon Bauer www.jon-bauer.com
- Matt Brouwer www.mattbro.com
- Paul Turner www.paulturnermusic.ca
- Porchlite www.porchlite.net
- Rob Berg www.sealionrob.com
- Stephanie Israelson www.stephanieisraelson.com

American Artists

- Bread of Stone www.breadofstone.com
 - Quimi (Kee-Mee) www.myspace.com/Quimimusic
 - The Sonflowerz www.sonflowerz.com
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6. *Our Vision ...*

Here at Front Porch Productions, we have one desire. That is to take the message of the gospel in music to the nation. There are many different artists with many different needs that we support. Some travel with a full band and have large budgets that they have to meet. And some see their music as more of a ministry and they travel in faith and accept a freewill offering to come to a given church in any town or city. Neither one of them is better than the other in the way that they have chosen for their music. It is our goal to help each one be more effective in their music ministry or career.

As we partner with the artists, we present them to you as a church to meet a need that you may have for outside special music for ministry or community outreach. We are here to serve you and present to you a variety of artists and ministries to meet that need. If you have any questions about what we do, please contact us anytime.
God bless you

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