

Country Music Capital of Canada



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Michelle Wright, Lisa Brokop and Gary Cooper Signed!

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MERRITT, BC – Merritt Walk of Stars will be hosting the 6th Annual Gala in the Country Music Capital of Canada – Merritt, BC – on May 30, 2009. The Gala will be part of the MWOS Gala Weekend which promises to be full of branding events.

“Merritt Walk of Stars is very excited to announce Michelle Wright and Lisa Brokop headlining the show to celebrate our 6th Annual Gala,” announces Ron Sanders, President.

Michelle Wright is a Canadian Country Music artist who has built a substantial career on national and international levels. Since the release of her debut album in 1990, Michelle has enjoyed two decades of success, selling 2 million albums and touring internationally. She has won more than 30 major awards and is the first Canadian-born artist in the modern era of country music to have a Top Ten hit in America (*Take It Like A Man*, 1992) and a Number One video on CMT-USA (*Take It Like A Man*, 1992), and to win a major U.S. music industry award (Academy of Country Music Top New Female Artist, 1993).

Lisa Brokop, much like Michelle Wright, is a Canadian born success who now calls Nashville home. Lisa’s most recent album is *Beautiful Tragedy*, which she released in August 2008. Lisa self managed this project to bring it back to the basics - to great songs and pure music - a very simple recipe. She wanted the music to have an organic feel, focusing more on the soul of each song. To accomplish this she became the writer, performer, producer and the record label. Some might say that Lisa has reinvented herself for this project - but she would disagree. Rather than reinvention, *Beautiful Tragedy* is a maturation. There is a truth in the music that Lisa is eminently proud of. It is an album that provides new subtleties with every listen. It is an album that will make you feel. What you feel is up to you...

“We are honored to be working with such successful artists here in Merritt. Michelle Wright and Lisa Brokop are going to light up the stage,” comments Sanders. “We also wanted to add local artist Gary Cooper to celebrate the Canadian Country Music Hall of Honor opening in Merritt very soon. Mr. Cooper is a talented local artist and a recent BC Country Music Hall of Fame Inductee.”

“This show just keeps getting better each year,” adds the President. “We are very fortunate to receive such an abundance of support from the Country Music Industry for the Merritt Walk of

Stars and the Hall of Honor. The Canadian Industry has really embraced this program and they are always giving back to us. These artists are honored to have their bronzed handprints and murals featured here in the Country Music Capital of Canada, making them a permanent part of country music history.”

Tickets for the gala night are \$100.00 and include dinner, entertainment, live auction and an opportunity to get up close and personal with the stars as they mingle with the guests for the evening. To book your tickets call (250) 315-5851, contact a Merritt Walk of Stars Director, or drop by Iron Mountain Music in downtown Merritt.

Based in Merritt, British Columbia – the Country Music Capital of Canada - the Walk of Stars features 100 bronze stars embedded in granite, bearing the handprints and signatures of country music’s greatest. The downtown also features murals of country music artists created by world-renowned master muralist Michelle Loughery. A Legacy Wall serves as an outdoor stage and display centre for visitors. Work is ongoing to develop the Walk into an even larger attraction in downtown Merritt amongst the unique shops and western facades nestled in the heart of the Nicola Valley. The Country Music Hall of Honor and Spirit Square – featuring a new outdoor stage - are scheduled to open in downtown Merritt in 2009.

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Merritt Walk of Stars 6th Annual Gala Weekend Itinerary

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