

# THE DELEGATES

## Adam Oppenheim (AB, CA)

Stampede Entertainment  
sei.ca



### About Adam (He/Him)

Adam Oppenheim is the President of Stampede Entertainment, a Calgary based concert promoter and talent buyer. Proudly procuring talent for Canadian events, venues and institutions, including the Calgary Stampede, National Music Centre, Grey Cup Festival, and Calgary Flames, and has promoted concerts including Taylor Swift, KISS, Shania Twain, and many more. Adam previously served as the Vice-Chairman of the Alberta Music Industry Association Board of Directors, encouraging growth and development of the Provincial music industry.

## Allison Cooke (PEI, CA)

Cloggeroo  
cloggeroo.com



### About Allison (She/Her)

With a love of sharing the live music experience, Allison she is no stranger to volunteering her time for various music events throughout the Maritimes, such as the NFLD Folk Festival, Follyfest, Stanfest, the ECMA Conference, and has also recently been employed as the Family Day Coordinator for Festival Route 11. Allison found her home when she began working with Cloggeroo in 2017, a charming grassroots festival on the Brudenell River in Georgetown, PEI. Currently, Allison sits on the Board of Directors, and has been Cloggeroo's official delegate at various conferences.

## Angie Rance (LDN, UK)

Earth Agency  
earth-agency.com



### About Angie (She/Her)

Angie is an Agent at Earth Agency, working with live acts across an array of genres ranging through folk/roots, instrumental, post-classical, indie, electronica and rock.

## Brett Rehling (BHAM, UK)

The Kitchen Garden  
kitchengardencafe.co.uk



### About Brett (He/Him)

Brett Rehling is the Managing Director of The Kitchen Garden Cafe in Birmingham, UK. He books and promotes music events throughout the City, both at The Kitchen Garden, and other venues across the City. He also curates a stage at The Moseley Folk and Arts Festival.

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## Charmaine Iscala (AB, CA)

Whitecap Entertainment  
whitecapentertainment.com



**About Charmaine** (She/Her)  
Charmaine is a Partnership Specialist at Whitecap Entertainment, focusing on securing sponsors for CBMF and Sommo Festival. She also manages corporate clients, ensuring strong and successful partnerships.

## Darcy Campbell (PEI, CA)

The Confederation Centre of the Arts  
confederationcentre.com



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CENTRE OF THE ARTS

### About Darcy

 (He/Him)

Darcy Campbell has over 25 years at the Confederation Centre, including five as LIVE @ the Centre programmer. He's coordinated major events like the Gold Cup and Saucer Parade, the 2009 Olympic Torch Relay, 2010 Vancouver Olympics' Atlantic Canada House, and CBC's Hockey Day in Canada in 2012.

## David Agnew (MCR, UK)

Sound Roots  
soundroots.uk



### About David

 (He/Him)

David is Artistic Director of Sound Roots which runs Manchester Folk Festival/ English Folk Expo showcasing folk and roots artists annually. David also works as music programme lead for a number of venues and festivals in the UK. David lives in Manchester, England - originally from Belfast.

## Deborah Aitken (SK, CA)

Ness Creek Music Festival  
nesscreekmusicfestival.com



### About Deborah

 (She/Her)

Hello! I have worked with the Ness Creek Music Festival since 2005, as a volunteer, office manager, board member, and for the last 12 years as the Artist and Booking Manager. As part of the Festival Management Team I chair the Artist Booking Committee, made up of community volunteers, and put our festival lineup in place, manage the audition process, deliver our monthly radio show, and book entertainment at our year round events.

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## Jeff Beam (ME, USA)

Vinegar Hill  
Music Theatre  
vinhillmusic.com



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MUSIC THEATRE

### About Jeff (He/Him)

Jeff Beam is a talent buyer and musician in Portland, Maine. He currently books for Vinegar Hill Music Theatre in Arundel, Maine. Previous booking endeavors include One Longfellow Square and Waking Windows Music Festival.

## Justin Rudge (VIC, AU)

Port Fairy Folk Festival  
portfairyfolkfestival.com



### About Justin (He/Him)

Justin is a music professional with 20 years of experience as a performer, artist manager & booker, engineer, producer and venue and festival booker. He was appointed in 2020 as Program Director at Port Fairy Folk Festival, a four day festival attracting crowds in excess of 10,000, celebrating its 48th year in 2025.

## Jen Heerschap (ON, CA)

I Book Shows  
ibookshows.com



### About Jen (She/Her)

In 2019, Jen Heerschap left the corporate world to become an Agent at I Book Shows. Her focus is primarily booking the amazing roster of artists in MB, SK, AB & BC as well as in the Mid-West-to-West-Coast in the USA. New to the music industry, she has enjoyed becoming immersed in the world of Folk/Roots, Celtic, Country and more. Jen, loving the outdoors, is often found on a paddle board in Pike Bay!

## Kate Lynch (North of England, UK)

Highlights Rural Touring Scheme  
highlightsnorth.co.uk



### About Kate (She/Her)

Kate Lynch has been the Artistic Director of Highlights since 2018, working with community venues, volunteer presenters and a range of regional, national and international artists. Kate has worked in arts administration for over 20 years, including in London's West End and for Shakespeare's Globe.

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## Keeghan Gillis (PEI, CA)

Whitecap Entertainment  
whitecapentertainment.com



**About Keeghan (She/Her)**  
Keeghan Gillis is the Entertainment Coordinator with Whitecap Entertainment. She joined the team 2 years ago and has been loving every minute of it. From small shows and events, to some of the biggest music festivals in Atlantic Canada, there is never a dull moment!

## Lauren Down (LDN, UK)

End of the Road Festival  
endoftheroadfestival.com



**About Lauren (She/Her)**  
Lauren Down is the Managing Director of End of The Road. She joined the team in 2014, leaving behind her career in PR - where she worked with Caribou, Angel Olsen & more. Lauren also sits on The Association of Independent Festivals Board and is a published music journalist.

## Kimberly Sinclair (PA, USA)

Philadelphia Folk Festival  
folkfest.org



**About Kimberly (She/Her)**  
Kimberly Sinclair, a seasoned music industry professional and founder of Spincount, took on the role of Artistic & Marketing Director for the Philadelphia Folk Festival in 2023. With a background in event orchestration and promotion, she has expanded audiences and revenue for clients, earning multiple industry awards. Sinclair has collaborated with renowned artists and previously served as the festival's publicist and marketing director. Follow her journey on Instagram @kimberlysync.

## Lyndsey Wilson (LANCS, UK)

Spot On Lancashire: Rural and Library  
Touring Network  
spotonlancashire.co.uk



**About Lyndsey (She/Her)**  
Lyndsey Wilson is Programme Manager for Spot On - Lancashire's Rural and Library Touring Network. She is responsible for the selection of artists and managing a programme suitable for small to medium scale community venues as well as managing a festival programme, and a family focused markets activity programme.

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## Mara Pellerin (NFLD, CA)

Lawnya Vawnya

lawnyavawnya.com



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### About Mara (She/Her)

Mara Pellerin is a musician, songwriter and educator living in St. John's, NL. She has toured across Canada and internationally as a multi-instrumentalist and vocalist, her music featured in film and television. Mara has performed on numerous studio recordings as a collaborator with many celebrated artists, including Hey Rosetta!, Kelly McMichael, and Charlotte Cornfield. Mara has served on the board of directors since 2017 and is a proud member of the Lawnya Vawnya team!

## Marina Blore (LDN, UK)

The British Country Music Festival

+ Fit the Bill Limited

britishcountrymusicfestival.com



### About Marina (She/Her)

Marina Blore has worked in the live entertainment industry for over 40 years as an artistic director, choreographer, producer and promoter. Marina and her husband's company has produced West End Theatre shows and are the promoters for two major UK festivals, The British Country Music Festival and Capital of Dance. She is the Vice President of The Entertainment Agents' Association in the UK and the co-director is a member of The Society of London Theatres.

## Martin Blore (LDN, UK)

Fit the Bill Ltd.



### About Martin (He/Him)

Martin Blore is the promoter for The British Country Music Festival in Blackpool, England, that welcomes over 100 artists over four stages in a spectacular indoor entertainment venue that is steeped in heritage. The festival has welcomed a number of Canadian artists since its launch in 2019. He has worked in live entertainment for over 20 years and as well as being an agent, he has also worked as manager for music artists and professional dancers. He is a theatre producer and writer and is a member of The Society of London Theatres.

## Nigel Jenkins (NFLD, CA)

Laughing Heart Music Ltd.

laughingheartmusic.com



### About Nigel (He/Him)

Nigel Jenkins is a graduate of the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University, with a Certificate in Entertainment Law from Osgoode Hall Law School. Nigel is an artist manager and record label owner based in Steady Brook, NL. He currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors for MusicNL.

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## Phyllis Belezos (LDN, UK)

*Heliocentric Entertainment*  
heliocentricentertainment.com



**About Phyllis (She/Her)**  
Phyllis Belezos is an independent international agent with 20+ experience in live music. Her early passion for music and entertainment started at legendary rock radio station WBCN, then moved to LA where she worked at William Morris Agency, before arriving in the UK for almost twenty years as a Live Agent at ITB. Working with a range of artists including Whitney Houston and Boyz II Men, Belezos has certainly developed a formidable reputation.

## Ryan Heerschap (ON, CA)

*I Book Shows*  
ibookshows.com



**About Ryan (He/Him)**  
Ryan Heerschap is an agent with over 15 years of experience and president of I Book Shows Inc, an agency that focuses on roots, folk, and songwriters. In 2008 Ryan created I Book Shows and has organically grown the agency, now working with festivals and events on sponsorship and vendor management with its offshoot, placemybooth.com. Clients have included Live Nation Canada, AEG Concerts Canada, and Republic Live.

## Spencer Shewen (ON, CA)

*Mariposa Folk Festival & Riverfest Elora*  
mariposafolk.com / riverfestelora.com



**About Spencer (He/Him)**  
Newly entrusted with the role of Artistic Director of the fabled Mariposa Festival, Spencer is continuing on with his role as Artistic Director at Riverfest Elora of 11 years. Spencer also sits on the Board of Directors for the River and Sky Festival and the Elora Centre for the Arts. Previously, he has worked as Artistic Director and Event Manager for Waterstock and 100 Mile Riot, curated and managed the Fortnight Music Series.

## Tania Joy Senior (ON, CA)

*Springtide Music Festival*  
springtidemusicfestival.com



**About Tania Joy (She/Her)**  
Folk-Roots artist Tania Joy is the Co-founder, Executive Director/Artistic Director of Springtide Music Festival, a non-profit organization led by a volunteer team of business leaders and local musicians which draws over 70 acts to various venues from breweries and bistros to bookstores and clothing shops in historic downtown Uxbridge, Ontario.

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## Tim Des Islets (ON, CA)

Noisemaker

[noisemaker.ca](http://noisemaker.ca)



### About Tim (He/Him)

Tim Des Islets is the founder of Canadian artist management company Noisemaker Management and event production company Noisemaker Presents. Noisemaker manages Great Lake Swimmers, The East Pointers, The Once, Splash'N Boots, Gord Sinclair from The Tragically Hip, and Revive The Rose and produces around 50 events in clubs, theatres, and festivals in Ontario.

## Tom Landa (BC, CA)

Cubbyhole Artists + Carnaval del Sol

[cubbyholeartists.com](http://cubbyholeartists.com) / [carnavaldelsol.ca](http://carnavaldelsol.ca)



### About Tom (He/Him)

For 30 years, Tom has been forging a career in the music industry with passion, creativity and a DIY attitude. In that time, he has been a JUNO award winner, a two-time West Coast Music Award recipient, Genie Award winner, singer-songwriter, composer, photographer, emcee, booking agency owner, a music manager, festival AD, promoter, panelist, band leader, musical director, label owner, producer and educator.