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Local musician Kent Hodgin invited to perform at Canadian Country Music Week in Calgary this September.

Local Bancroft country singer/songwriter Kent Hodgin has been invited to perform live at the coveted Songwriters Café as part of the Canadian Country Music Associations' Country Music Week, held in Calgary Alberta, this September. The week long celebration concludes with the biggest annual event in Canadian country music - the Canadian Country Music Association awards, hosted this year by Paul Brandt.

Hodgin submitted three of his original songs to the CCMA, which were judged by music industry professionals, and was successful in obtaining a performance spot. For a new independent amateur singer and songwriter, being chosen to play at this event is a great honor and an even greater opportunity. Other invited musical performers at this years' Songwriters Café include big name Canadian artists such as Aaron Pritchett, Patricia Conroy, Lisa Brokop and Charlie Major.

Kent recently recorded his debut CD, titled "Wood and Stone" this July. Hodgin's music is a mix of all original country and gospel songs, featuring the song "Forever More" which has been played on CHMS 97.7, The Moose FM radio, across Muskoka and Haliburton, and Trent University Radio. The CD features some of Canada's best country instrumentalists, including Belleville's Steve Pitocco, founder of the band South Mountain, and winner of many international and Canadian Country Music Association guitar playing awards.

Born and raised in Petawawa, Ontario, it is no surprise that this Ottawa Valley singer found his niche in country music. Hodgin, who works as a local Conservation Officer for the Ministry of Natural Resources in Bancroft, is thrilled with the news, and is hoping for big things to happen in Calgary. Kent is planning a CD release party and charity BBQ to be held August 24 at Bancroft's Heritage Bandshell from 6pm to 9pm.

For more information on Kent and his music, including news, contact and booking information, check out his website at www.KentHodgin.com. His new CD can be purchased locally at "Common Ground Café" and Wood Bugs and Guitar Nuts, in Bancroft.

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