

Melissa Endean's extraordinary journey into the world of outlaw country traces its roots back to the rural landscapes of British Columbia, where her love for music was nurtured by her grandfather, a professional musician who once shared the stage with legends like Johnny Cash.

Endean's early life was infused with the timeless melodies of country music legends like Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, and Loretta Lynn, whose narratives resonated with her like echoes of her own untold stories.

In her youth, Melissa displayed remarkable talent, earning her a place among the elite. She was invited to record remakes of Johnny Cash's iconic hits at the renowned Cash Cabin Studios, a hallowed ground overseen by John Carter Cash, and the project was produced by Grammy award winner Chuck Turner. These early accolades signified the emergence of a true artist.

However, life had its own course, and Melissa chose to temporarily set aside her musical career to focus on adjusting to life as a young mother. This decision ushered in a period of profound challenge. A difficult divorce left her homeless and faced with the daunting task of raising two children while residing in a shelter. These were trying times filled with uncertainty and adversity.

Nonetheless, Melissa Endean's spirit proved indomitable. With nothing left to lose, she returned to the music industry, channeling her personal experiences and emotions into her art. In a mere year, her unyielding dedication and undeniable talent reaped notable recognition.

Her remarkable journey began with her triumphant return to the stage as a contestant in the 2022 Vancouver Island Country Idol competition, where she not only conquered her hiatus but also secured a place in the top five.

Her resurgence in the music scene did not go unnoticed.

In a matter of months, she secured over \$12,500 in music grants from Creative BC, followed by a substantial \$60,000 grant from the Canada Arts Council.

Melissa's influence began to ripple through the British Columbia Country Music Association where earlier this year she received a nomination in the second ballot for "Music Video of the Year."

In the past year, Melissa Endean toured extensively across British Columbia, delivering over 50 shows in just a matter of months, with her showcase performances at the 2023 Sunfest Country Music Festival as well as at the 2023 Annual British Columbia Music Awards leaving audiences spellbound, cementing her status as one of the most unique voices on the Canadian country music scene today.

Now, in collaboration with the distinguished and multi-award winning producer Jeff Dalziel, Melissa Endean is on the cusp of releasing four singles that encapsulate her journey and the quintessence of outlaw country.

The saga of Melissa Endean serves as a testament to the resilience and determination that underlie the artistry of an individual who reclaimed her life from the depths of adversity. Her music is a reflection of the path she traversed, and her journey remains a work in progress. Join her as she perpetuates the tradition of captivating audiences with her heartfelt, authentic sound and her undeniable artistic prowess, fortified by life's most formidable trials.

"Country music is one of the last remaining collectives that desperately needs more inclusion and acceptance with inspirational role models. I proudly stand in support of Melissa Endean who is a very brave and inspiring storyteller with a beautiful and truly unique voice." - Peter Cameron-Inglis, Director/Producer/CEO Mastermind Studios

"...About time stories like this were represented in country music!!! Fantastic video and phenomenal voice to tell it. #representationmatters"- Shannon Loutitt, Founder International Indigenous Speakers Bureau