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Hey Creatives!

You're listening to **Podcast #42 of the Coffee With Camilla** podcast where we will discuss the music industry.

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The title of this podcast is ***"Get Out of The Wheel"***

I know you are busy writing songs, perfecting set lists, rehearsing, reviewing touring schedules, meeting with media, working on your image, meeting with consultants and team members, going to the gym and squeezing in sleep here or there.

Dang! YOU ARE BUSY! YOU ARE FOCUSED! And you've found time to listen to my podcast. Yay!

Let me challenge you to step away from all of that and get out of that wheel of work now and then. I can tell you from experience it seems like too much of a distraction and too much effort to do it. IF you are blessed enough to find a night to do "nothing" you really want to sit at home with an adult beverage and watch Netflix. And maybe you should do that now and then. But I want to tell you from experience, it's important to go out and connect to the music scene in your city; connect to your brothers and sisters in the music industry.

Over Labor Day weekend I went to a totally different town to disconnect from the my local music scene in order to connect to a totally different music scene. The genre of music was different from what I hear every day in Nashville but it was inspiring. My husband Daniel and I met a few performing songwriters and heard some interesting productions. It was very inspiring.

A few nights ago I went to see a movie with my husband Daniel. The last time we went to a movie theater was probably a year or so ago. But I really wanted to go see the movie "A Star Is Born" which was awesome by the way. But by going

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to the movie, I missed a songwriter round I had been planning to see for a month. But in the end, I felt like we needed time together as a couple but also to see this music industry related film. It was so worth the effort from every angle. I'm so glad we decided to see the film and spend time with each other.

Last night I went out to listen to a couple of songwriters in a round. I had taken a meeting with one of them a few days ago and saw where he was playing in a round so I decided to go check him out. At the venue I ran into a bunch of songwriters I knew and it was so good to reconnect with them. And I met several new songwriters too. Me stepping out of my normal routine was seriously effective in advancing my connections, company and opportunities for my staff songwriters.

But when I got home I looked on my social network sites and saw SO MANY songwriters and artists posting their events and performances from last night. It would have been better for me if I had stopped in on several venues and basically hit all the venues within walking distance of the one that I went to. I missed out on connecting with so many songwriters and artists that I know because I went to one venue all night. I'm not saying I regret staying at the one venue. I'm just saying, when I made the decision to get off the work wheel I am on, I should have researched what was happening in the music scene around the city and I could have used this one night to connect to multiple songwriters and artists at multiple venues. It would have been better for me if I had.

I remember thinking on my drive home that, even though the day was long, from being at the office all day and then venue at night, it was inspiring. It was needed. It was necessary. And I didn't really realize how much till it was over.

So I'm going to take my own advice and I'm going to make sure I get off the wheel and get out to venues to connect with the music scene more often. It's important.

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Thank you for listening to Podcast #42 “**Get Out Of The Wheel**”. I know you are busy and getting out of the wheel seems daunting, maybe a set back or you just don't care to do it. But I can tell you it is worth it. You will find new contacts for co writing, opportunities to perform in rounds and inspired but what you hear and who you run into.

I know you can do it. I believe in you!

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We'll talk again soon! Stay Creative!