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Radio ABC music awards finalist coming to town

Multi-year finalist of Radio 1233 ABC Newcastle Music Awards **Maureen O'Brien** will perform in Dunedoo for Australia Day celebrations with her exciting blend of sounds including Blues, Jazz, Contemporary Folk and a good dash of Comedy.

A regular performer at a variety of venues and festivals along the Australian East Coast, her songs have reached the finals in all but one year (the year she didn't enter) of the ABC 1233 Newcastle Music Awards, now in its 5th year.

Her songwriting credibility has been established over more than a decade of live performances to highly diverse audiences. She's currently completing her 5th recording project and the new album is due for release in January. The Dunedoo audience will enjoy a sneak preview of some of the new songs set to appear on the upcoming album.

Russell Hannah of Illawarra Folk Club said "Maureen's maturity as a songwriter is reflected in the subject matter of her songs. No introspective love songs here. No songs where the only one relating to the emotion of the song is the songwriter herself."

She's also been compared favourably to Australian songwriting legends Eric Bogle and Judy Small.

Playing for the Dunedoo Australia Day festivities, O'Brien will be supported by Brisbane-based musicians **Josh Hatcher**/Saxophone & Keys, **Dave Bell**/Drums & Percussion and **Steele Chabeau**/Double Bass. She said, "I've played with these excellent young musicians for the past two years on every Queensland tour. I just love their blend of 'laid-back chill and enthusiastic zing' wrapped around some outstanding skill and talent."

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