

Maureen O'Brien

Bio 2007



Style

Contemporary singer/songwriter and touring performer Maureen O'Brien writes from the heart and sings it with passion. An interpretive vocalist, she has a rich, mellow vocal sound and selects material that best suits her vocal style. An evolving songwriter, her current work is a distinctive fusion of Jazz-Folk-Rock.

Performances

Maureen has performed in a variety of groups and duos as well as being an accomplished solo performer. Her performances occur in a wide variety of entertainment experiences such as:

- Tastings on the Terrace (Sunday afternoons in the Hunter Valley vineyards)
- wine and food festivals
- music festivals
- restaurants, cocktail functions, 'lounge bar' music, restaurants, dinner/theatre shows
- dedicated concerts
- parties and boutique music sessions.

Live performances with her support band, currently Brisbane-based trio Hachabel, are dynamic - she likes to give her musicians 'room to breathe' so every performance reflects a freedom to explore different approaches to selected material. The quartet pushes the music beyond any boundaries.

Material

As a songwriter Maureen writes from the heart and interprets from the soul. She has written and performed Blues, Classic Jazz, Folk-Rock, Jazz-Rock and Contemporary Folk genres. She has been a multi-finalist in the 1233 ABC Radio Newcastle Music Awards for four (4) years.

With multiple recordings to her credit, her first CD 'Breaking the Habit' was recorded in 1999 with her popular female a cappella group Glass Slipper. Her second all-original CD 'Many Shades of Blue' was released in June 2005. Her third album 'Luminous' was released in December 2006. Her fourth album is in progress and will be available late 2007. She has also recorded a single CD 'An Orphan's Lullaby' specifically to raise funds for orphanages in Africa, India and Indonesia, and has recorded a Jazz EP with her previous band Smoothazz.

Memberships

Maureen has been writing and performing for more than a decade and is a fully-fledged writer member of the industry association, Australasian Performing Rights Association (APRA).