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Folk with Blues Jazz up the RSC

Unique and vibrant local singer-songwriter Maureen O'Brien will entertain guests at Singleton RSC on Saturday 27 January, backed by her Brisbane-based band.



Ex-Broke local O'Brien has more than 10 years performance experience across a broad spectrum of venues and locations. She's showcased her talents and delighted audiences throughout the east coast of Australia, jazzing out large or small indoor and outdoor venues such as cafès, restaurants, music and wine festivals and private functions.

An audience-focused performer, she breathes life into her fusion of Blues, Folk, Folk-Rock and Jazz with her added spice of humour.

A spokesperson at St Alban's Folk Festival described the quality of an O'Brien performance: 'The crowd around her was mesmerised. She really makes you feel like you have a connection with her and she is the farthest thing from standoffish, like some talented musicians tend to be. Maureen's performances always give you the feeling you have touched an earthy original part of the music world and should not be missed.'

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."

Guests at the performance will enjoy O'Brien originals and sneak preview some of the latest songs from her newest album being officially launched at The Wheelshop, Honeysuckle, Newcastle on 31st January.

O'Brien's 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.

Performing at Singleton RSC York Street from 8pm-12pm on Saturday 27 January. More information at **www.maureen.com.au** or call Singleton RSC on (02) 6572 2622.

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