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MEDIA RELEASE

Folk with Blues Jazz up life

A combination of Contemporary Folk, Blues and Jazz with a dash of Comedy is set to brighten southern NSW during the Gregg Telian and Happy Feet tour in September.

World-class saxophonist Gregg Telian and his band Happy Feet will be accompanied by seasoned Australian performer Maureen O'Brien, South African percussionist Paul Haller, popular Sydney Double Bassist Mark Howard plus surprise guest musicians.

O'Brien has more than a decade of broad performance experience throughout the east coast of Australia, entertaining for small and large crowds at dedicated concerts, restaurants, cafés, music festivals, vineyards, private functions and more. With her versatility and audience focus, O'Brien is a preferred artist renowned for "mesmerising the crowd" as described by a past audience.

A spokesperson from NSW's St Albans Folk Festival said "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 last toured southern NSW in 2005 to a receptive audience. She was a Radio ABC 1233 Music Awards 2005 finalist in the Blues 'n Roots category and is a finalist in the Folk category of this year's Awards.

During this tour with Gregg Telian and Happy Feet, audiences will sample exciting new original sounds from O'Brien's upcoming third album that's set for release in November. Feedback from advance hearings is extremely positive, with one critic saying this one's "jumping out of the box". Gregg Telian's arrangements on the album are purely a work of art and have taken the all-original works to a new dimension.

Enjoy live performances by the band during September at a range of venues and towns including Wollongong, Cootamundra and Gundagai. Further information and tour details available via www.greggtelian.com and www.maureen.com.au

Venues

13th-17th – Turning Wave Festival, Gundagai.
15th – World Jazz at Cootamundra Arts & Cultural Centre.
21st – Hideaway Cafe, Wollongong.
22nd – City Diggers Club, Wollongong, 8pm.

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