



Karen McDawn

Passion, talent, ambition and an inexhaustible sense of humor – this is Karen McDawn, who was singing before she could really talk. Her love for music goes hand in hand with a fascination for the Wild West that has accompanied her since childhood.

After graduating Performing Arts Studios Vienna, she initially ventured into the world of musicals, but her heart beats for Country Music. In 2009, she fulfilled her dream by signing with the German country label “Amazing Records” and released her first singles “How Do You Do?” and “Cajun Hoedown.” In 2020, her debut album “To The Moon And Back” was released, entirely recorded in Nashville and Atlanta. With the help of some of Nashville's best session musicians, such as Brent Mason and Tim Akers, plus passionate producer Darrell Toney, she created a work that captures the essence of modern country.

Karen McDawn describes her style as “classic country-rock-pop,” and you can hear it! Inspired by artists like Lainey Wilson, Jo Dee Messina, and Martina McBride, she expresses her unique voice with every note. “Modern country, country rock, or ‘classic country-rock-pop’ would be the genre if I had to invent it,” says Karen McDawn.

Since 2011, she has been touring the country with her musical partner Steve Criss – “the best duo partner in the world.” In her band and the Karen McDawn Trio, he serves as band leader and musical director.

“If I had to put a name on it, I’d call it modern country, country rock or classic-rock-pop-country.” - Karen McDawn



In October 2023, she celebrated another highlight: Her podcast “Untold Country Stories” – the first of its kind in the German-speaking world – has launched, bringing listeners, together with her guests, the previously “untold” stories surrounding country music.

In October 2025, Karen received the 'Female Vocalist of the Year' award from the ACMF (Austrian Country Music Federation).

Karen McDawn stands for professionalism, combined with a passion that strikes right at the heart of the audience. She is rightly celebrated as the “ambassador of country music in Austria.”

Get ready for powerful country-rock-pop and a touch of humor – Karen McDawn brings the stage to life!