

Karen McDawn: Country Music coming straight from the heart

Passion, talent and inexhaustible sense of humor – this is Karen McDawn! Since 2009, she has been a prominent figure in Austria's country music scene, captivating audiences with her powerful voice. In 2025 Karen received the 'Female Vocalist of the Year' award from the Austrian Country Music Federation.

After graduating from the Performing Arts Studios Vienna, she realized her dream in 2009 by signing with the German country label “Amazing Records” and released her first singles “How Do You Do?” and “Cajun Hoedown.” She has toured not only solo but also with bands like Seven Loons (CH), Rhythm 4 Boots (A), and The Buffaloes (A) across Europe. In 2020, her debut album “To The Moon And Back” was released, entirely recorded in Nashville and Atlanta. It showcases her unique style – classic “country-rock-pop.” She brings her original songs, as well as some modern country music covers, sprinkled with a few classics.

By her side since 2011 is Californian beach boy Steve Criss, whom she calls “the best bandleader in the world.” The trio is completed by guitarist Markus Pranz, the “tallest” in the band; together, they fulfill the mission of “three-part harmony” in country music with brilliance.

Get ready for powerful country-rock-pop, seasoned with a touch of humor – Karen McDawn blends heart and passion in every note!