



New Single and US, UK Tours for Award Winning Scottish Singer Songwriter Dean Owens



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One of Scotland's best troubadours... fabulous... "Whispering" Bob Harris
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Award winning Scottish troubadour Dean Owens is about to hit the road again for a two month tour of USA, followed by a UK tour.

He also has a new single release and video to celebrate Mothers Day (**31 Mar**, UK and **12 May**, USA). **Mother** (from his acclaimed *Southern Wind* album) was co-written with regular collaborator Nashville based **Will Kimbrough** (also one of Emmylou Harris's Red Dirt Boys) and **Danny Wilson** (of Danny and the Champions of the World/Bennett Wilson Poole).

Dean: ***My mum used to jokingly have a go at me for not having written a song about her so this started out as just a bit of fun. Every now and then my mum comes out with these sayings like 'you can't break a cracked cup'. I felt I had to get that into a song. Will and I got together on it and it was just about there, but was still missing a few words. I was considering just setting it aside for another time, but then went on tour with Danny & The Champions Of The World. I was messing around with it in the dressing room one day and Danny said he really liked the sound of it and encouraged me to try and finish it. So while staying at Danny's one night he helped me fill in the missing words.***

2019 has started well for Dean – winning **UK Song of the Year Award** at the UK Americana Music Association Awards (hosted by "Whispering" Bob Harris) for *Southern Wind* (co-written with Will Kimbrough). A second song from *Southern Wind* album, *Love Prevails*, also written with Will, has reached the finals of the Nashville based International Songwriting Competition (whittled down from 19,000 entries). February saw the release (on Eel Pie Records) of **Buffalo Blood**, his collaboration with US musicians, Grammy nominated Neilson Hubbard (also the producer of Owens' last two studio albums), Joshua Britt and Audrey Spillman ("**An Americana supergroup for 2019**" Paul Sexton (BBC)) – a project recorded live on location in the New Mexico desert, with powerful songs about displacement, immigration and the power of music to connect – which has received glowing 5 star reviews. *Buffalo Blood* had its live premiere at Celtic Connections.

In **USA** (April/May) he will perform a mix of shows, partnering up with Will Kimbrough, Wild Ponies, Buffalo Blood and The Two Tracks, with gigs which take him from Florida to Chicago, Virginia, Nashville, Memphis, Louisville and Indiana to South Dakota, Wyoming and California, and many points in between, including a return to Albino Skunk Music Festival in South Carolina, where he got a standing ovation and immediate invitation for a return visit when he performed last October.

The **UK tour** in June is a celebration of the Song of the Year Award and sees him teaming up with UK Instrumentalist of the Year 2018 **Tom Collison** and guitarist **Jim Maving** to tour as **Dean Owens and the Southerners**, hitting London, Brighton, Bristol, Colchester, Wavendon, Crawley, Folkestone, Liverpool, Biddulph and Manchester, before returning to Scotland to play some solo shows and return to Fringe by the Sea Festival in North Berwick with his Celtabilly Allstars band (which sold out in 2018).

Dean Owens is widely hailed as one of UK's finest troubadours (with fans including *Trainspotting* author Irvine Welsh and BBC's Bob Harris). In September 2017 he became the first Scottish musician to officially showcase at the prestigious Americanafest in Nashville (supported by PRS Foundation/Creative Scotland and Saltire Society) and in 2018 he undertook his first US tour (also supported by Creative Scotland) which included a headline slot at the Levitt Shell in Memphis TN, the scene Elvis Presley's his first paid gig.

While never losing his own unique Scottish identity, Dean has had a longstanding love affair with the USA since his early days as the front man of Scotland's original Americana band, the Felsons. He has recorded 4 of his 7 solo albums there, including *Southern Wind* (released Feb 2018) which received glowing, rave reviews, including 4 stars in Mojo Magazine. His music has been described as combining celtic and Americana into a unique blend of celtic spirit, country soul.

YouTube link – **Mother** - youtu.be/v3RbLFk7z6Q

PRESS USE ONLY – MP3 download for **Mother** - <https://soundcloud.com/scary-biscuit/mother/s-4kCw6>

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Dean Owens Tour Dates Spring/Summer 2019

USA

- 6 Apr - Pensacola Food Truck Festival FL (with Will Kimbrough) - Click [here for info](#)
- 7 Apr - The Frog Pond at Blue Moon Farm AL - Click [here for info/tickets](#)
- 11 Apr - Rives Theater, Martinsville VA (with Wild Ponies) - Click [here for info/tickets](#)
- 12 & 13 Apr - Albino Skunk Music Festival SC (with Wild Ponies) - Click [here for info/tickets](#)
- 14 Apr - House Concert, Knoxville TN (with Wild Ponies)
- 16 Apr - Grimeys, Nashville TN - In Store session with [Buffalo Blood](#)
- 17 Apr - Railgarten, Memphis TN (with Wild Ponies)
- 20 Apr - Black Dog House Concerts, Chicago IL - Email [here for tickets and info](#)
- 26 & 27 Apr - Crossroads Music Festival, Seymour IN - Click [here for info/tickets](#)
- 28 Apr - [Kentucky Home Front](#), Louisville KY
- 10 May - Lehman House Concert, Forestville CA
- 11 May - House Concert, San Jose CA
- 12 May - Sleepy John at [KPIG Radio](#), San Jose CA
- 15 May - Free Ceramics, Helena MT (with The Two Tracks)
- 16 May - Covellite Theater, Butte MT (with The Two Tracks)
- 17 May - WYO Theater, Sheridan WY (with The Two Tracks)
- 18 May - B & B Backporch, Spearfish SD (with The Two Tracks)
- 19 May - Custer Beacon, Custer SD (with The Two Tracks)

UK

Dean Owens and The Southerners

- 7 Jun - Kingsdown Vaults, Bristol
- 8 Jun - Little Rabbit Barn, Colchester - Click [here for info/tickets](#)
- 9 Jun - Eleto, Folkestone
- 11 Jun - The Stables, Wavendon - Click [here for info/tickets](#)
- 12 Jun – Biddulph (venue TBC)
- 13 Jun - The Eagle Inn, Salford, Manchester - Click [here for info/tickets](#)
- 14 Jun - 81 Renshaw St, Liverpool
- 15 Jun - Hope and Anchor, Islington, London - Click [here for info/tickets](#)
- 16 Jun - Americana Live, The Hawth, Crawley - Click [here for info](#)
- 17 Jun - The Greys, Brighton - Click [here for info/tickets](#)

- 13 July - Woodside Hotel, Aberdour (solo) - Click [here for info/tickets](#)
- 8 Aug - Fringe by the Sea, North Berwick - Dean Owens & the Celtabilly Allstars
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