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I Can't Wait

Talented singer-songwriter Amber Lawrence can't wait to be part of this year's Urban Country Music Festival line up.

The Sydney-based performer, who has two albums to her credit, gave a taste of what crowds can expect when she performed two songs at the official festival launch at Caboolture Historical Village on Thursday night, March 18.

Amber, who is the festival's ambassador this year, will be among the major stars performing at Caboolture Showgrounds on Saturday, May 1, for the Main Concert.

"I can't wait to get back to Caboolture. I had great fun at Urban Country's Songwriters' Café in 2007 and I've heard it's a really warm, friendly atmosphere at the Main Concert," she said.

It's already been a big year for the award winner, whose latest single *Wrecking Ball* hit number 1 on the Country Music Channel (CMC) charts earlier this month. She took out the inaugural Telstra Horizon Award at Tamworth in January and her second album *When It All Comes Down* received three Golden Guitar Nominations.

Amber will be joining a line-up that features John Williamson, Kasey Chambers and Band, Troy Cassar-Daley who scooped up six golden guitars at the Tamworth Country Music Festival in January, Beccy Cole, Harmony James, 2010 Toyota Star Maker winner Luke Austen, and special guest Diana Trask.

All together they are expected to provide more than eight hours of music during the evening.

Standard tickets to the festival's Main Concert are \$64.90 for adults and \$29.90 for children and are available through the festival website at www.urbancountry.com.au or through Ticketek at www.ticketek.com.au

This year's Urban Country Music Festival kicks off with the Burbs 'n Bush Party at Caboolture's Town Square from 6pm on Friday night, April 30.

Moreton Bay Regional Council Mayor Allan Sutherland said council's events team had organised four massive days of activities and entertainment.

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“We’ve got old favourites returning like the Beaut Ute competition, Urban Blaze Concert and line dancing workshops, but we’ve also got a few new events such as the Bluegrass Brunch and a competition especially for electric guitar enthusiasts called Guitar Unleashed – Long Live the Lead Break,” he said.

“We’re also very keen to promote new talent with the Next Generation Station back for rising stars as well as our Voice Of Urban Country competition which is seeking to discover the next hot country performer.

“Of course a festival like this would not be possible without the amazing support offered by the community, businesses, sponsors and the army of volunteers who help us make sure everything goes smoothly. I’d like to thank all of them for being involved this year.”

Major sponsors for this year’s festival are the Caboolture Shire Herald and Grand Prix Mazda.

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