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smart alec presents
Adrienne Lenker
w/ special guest Ellen Kempner (of Palehound)
at the Lobero Theatre
Wednesday, December 8, 2021
Doors: 6:30 PM // Show: 7:30 PM
Tickets: \$32

Santa Barbara, CA, November 4, 2021 - GRAMMY® nominated indie-folk artist **Adrienne Lenker** will perform at Santa Barbara's historic Lobero Theatre on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, in support of her 2020 solo albums 'songs' and 'instrumentals.' Lenker, lead singer and guitarist of indie rock band **Big Thief**, is celebrated for her "unequivocal, instinctive and deeply personal songs" (NPR), propelled by her unique voice and delicate acoustic guitar.

'songs' and 'instrumentals' were both written and recorded in April after Big Thief's March tour was abruptly cut short due to coronavirus. After returning to the states from Europe, Lenker decamped to a one room cabin in the mountains of western Massachusetts. "I grew really connected to the space itself," says Lenker. "The one room cabin felt like the inside of an acoustic guitar -- it was such a joy to hear the notes reverberate in the space." Nine songs were written freshly during the recording session. Lenker and engineer Phil Weinrobe began and closed each day with an improvised acoustic guitar instrumental, later making a collage of their favorite pieces, which became the first side of the 'instrumentals' album. "We wanted to make a record that put you, the listener, in the most intimate position possible," explains Weinrobe.

"I had a handful of songs that I was planning on recording, but by the time Phil arrived I was on a whole new level of heartsick and the songs were flying through my ears," says Lenker. "I was basically lying in the dirt half the time. We went with the flow. I'm grateful that this music has come into existence. These songs have helped me heal. I hope that at least in some small way this music can be a friend to you."

Lenker's vast range of influence is what makes her songwriting so deep & distinctive. She has credited Leonard Cohen, John Prine, Neil Young & Pat Metheny as major influences, along with nature and the changing of the seasons. Her early childhood upbringing, having been raised in a Christian sect until age 6, has also influenced her work.

Adrienne Lenker has partnered with PLUS1 so that \$1 per ticket goes to supporting Fugees Family and their work empowering refugees to integrate successfully into their new country by providing them the support and structure they need to realize their vast potential.

Tickets for Adrienne Lenker are on sale now at Lobero.org and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. Reserved seating tickets are \$32. Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero Facility Fee; other fees may also apply.

In an effort to create the safest possible environment for our guests, please note that patrons of all ages, including children 12 years old and younger, who plan to attend an event at the Lobero Theatre, must show proof of being fully vaccinated OR supply a negative Covid-19 medical test result (taken within 72 hours prior to each event), along with an official photo ID, before entering the venue. Masks are currently required indoors, regardless of vaccination status. The Lobero staff and ushers have all been fully vaccinated. We thank the Santa Barbara community for supporting the performing arts while we work hard to follow the most up-to-date guidelines for the Covid-19 pandemic and keep our audience members, staff, and performers safe.

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