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An Evening with The Robert Cray Band
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 @ 8 PM

Santa Barbara, CA, November 15, 2021 – Lobero LIVE presents **The Robert Cray Band, Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 8 PM**. After more than four decades, Blues Hall of Famer Robert Cray remains as viable as ever. Bridging the lines between blues, soul and R&B, the five-time GRAMMY® Award winner has created a sound that rises from American roots and arrives today both fresh and familiar. Cray's band features Richard Cousins (bass), Dover Weinberg (keyboards), Terence F. Clark (drums), and Steve Jordan (drums, percussion). The group has recorded 20 studio releases, 15 of which have been on the Billboard charts, and played bars, concert halls, festivals and arenas around the world.

"Cray's voice is unstoppable. It knows no age and can hit the rafters with the most gut-wrenching testifying imaginable, then drag you through the gutter – or take you to church or the bedroom – with a menacing, sensual growl. – *Popmatters*

When you hear a musician like Cray, you enter his world. His voice is haunting, heart-felt, and resonant – a sound that echoes inside. The band's latest album, *That's What I Heard*, was released in February 2020, has a soulful Memphis sound and includes some deep gospel as well. The Associated Press writes "Robert Cray and Steve Jordan continue their fruitful partnership on *That's What I Heard*, a collection where the guitarist and singer's original songs blend seamlessly with a strong set of less-than-famous covers."

Cray, who started The Robert Cray Band in 1974, has been touring since, sometimes with 120 performances a year. Regarding the shutdown of live performances during Covid, the artist said "You never think you'll be taken out of what you've been doing for most of your life." His manager, Tim Aller, added "Often you don't know how much you'll miss something until it's gone." In addition to referencing the pandemic, the comment also describes threads in Cray's current playlist. Music, inevitably, reflects the musician, what they are experiencing or witnessing in life, how they feel about it, what they believe is important or enduring.

Tickets for The Robert Cray Band are on sale now at Lobero.org and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. VIP tickets are \$106 (includes premier seating and a pre-show reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres), Section A tickets are \$61, and Section B tickets are \$51. *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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UPCOMING LOBERO LIVE EVENTS:

DECEMBER 2021

Lobero LIVE presents **Men At Work, Thursday, December 23, 2021 at 8 PM.** The globally successful GRAMMY® winning, multi-platinum selling act, Men At Work, has clearly stood the test of time. Founding member Colin Hay has developed a solo career over the last 35 years, writing, recording, and touring extensively throughout the world as a solo artist. Since 2019, he has also toured and played under the Men At Work banner with his LA based group of musicians. <https://www.lobero.org/events/men-at-work/>

JANUARY 2022

Lobero LIVE presents **An Evening with KT Tunstall with special guest Charlie Mars, Friday, January 21, 2022 at 8 PM.** Grammy® Award nominated for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance and world renowned for her songs like "Suddenly I See" (used in "The Devil Wears Prada") and "Black Horse and a Cherry Tree," Tunstall hails from Scotland, but has toured the world over. In the past few years, she has toured with The Pretenders, Barenaked Ladies and Hall and Oates amongst others. <https://www.lobero.org/events/an-evening-with-kt-tunstall-2/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Anaïs Mitchell and Bonny Light Horseman, Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 8 PM.** Singer-songwriter Anaïs Mitchell, whose Broadway smash "Hedestown" won 8 awards – including Best Musical at the 2019 Tony Awards – is joined by Eric D. Johnson and Josh Kaufman, who make up the folk supergroup trio Bonny Light Horseman. <https://www.lobero.org/events/anais-mitchell/>

FEBRUARY 2022

Lobero LIVE presents **A Very Special Evening with Karla Bonoff, Friday, February 4, 2022 at 8 PM.** Karla Bonoff has been described as one of the finest singer-songwriters of her generation, and, in her case, the description is not exaggerated. With a career spanning four decades, Bonoff has enjoyed critical acclaim, commercial success, enduring popularity, and the unwavering respect of her peers. In addition to her own chart success with recordings such as "Personally" and the *Footloose* single "Somebody's Eyes," Karla has seen many of her ballads become pop classics, and songs such as "Tell Me Why" become hits for such stellar artists as Wynonna Judd, Bonnie Raitt, and Linda Ronstadt. <https://www.lobero.org/events/karla-bonoff-2/>

Jazz at the Lobero presents **The Brubeck Brothers Quartet Celebrating Dave Brubeck's Centennial, Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 8 PM.** Chris and Dan Brubeck have been making music together practically all their lives. Drummer Dan and bassist, trombonist, and composer Chris cut their first record together in 1966—nearly a half-century ago. They've played a variety of styles in a number of different groups as well as with their father, jazz giant Dave Brubeck. Dan and Chris form the foundation, with guitarist Mike DeMicco and pianist Chuck Lamb,

completing this dynamic quartet who perform concert series, and jazz festivals around the world.
<https://www.lobero.org/events/jazz-2019-brubeck-brothers/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Watchhouse on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 8 PM.** Multi-instrumentalist/songwriter Andrew Marlin and fiddler/vocalist Emily Frantz, formerly known as Mandolin Orange, recently recorded their most audacious album yet and decided it was finally time to change their name — to Watchhouse. The name represents their reinvention as a band at the regenerative edges of subtly experimental folk-rock. Alongside drummer Joe Westerlund, guitarist Josh Oliver, and bassist Clint Mullican, Andrew and Emily indulged novel structures and textures. Their self-titled debut album has gone #1 on Billboard's Bluegrass Albums Chart. <https://www.lobero.org/events/watchhouse/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Friday, February 18, 2022 at 8 PM.** For over 50 years, South Africa's Five-Time GRAMMY® Award winners, Ladysmith Black Mambazo has warmed the hearts of audiences worldwide with their uplifting vocal harmonies, signature dance moves, and charming onstage banter. With a deep respect for both their cultural and personal history, Ladysmith Black Mambazo is ever-evolving with an eye toward their long musical legacy. Since the world discovered their powerful a cappella vocals from Paul Simon's Graceland album, the original members have welcomed a younger generation in their mission, passing along the tradition of storytelling and spreading a message of peace, love, and harmony to millions of people the world over. <https://www.lobero.org/events/ladysmith-black-mambazo/>

Lobero LIVE and Pandaman presents **Quips and Pix w/ Rock n' Roll photographers Henry Diltz and Joel Bernstein, Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 7:30 PM.** This special event celebrates the iconic rock 'n roll photography of Henry Diltz and Joel Bernstein. The legendary photographers will share their photos and the stories behind them as a multimedia presentation with live commentary, followed by a Q & A with superfan Hale Milgrim. <https://www.lobero.org/events/quips-and-pix/>

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