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Lobero LIVE presents

**Taj Mahal Sextet**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 8 PM**

- **One of the most influential American blues and roots artists of the past half-century**
- **His music spans continents and generations**
- **New combination promises some of the most stellar musical moments enjoyed in recent memory**

*Santa Barbara, CA, February 14, 2022* – **Lobero LIVE presents Taj Mahal Sextet on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 8 PM.** Taj Mahal, at 79, remains a towering musical figure — a legend who transcended the blues not by leaving them behind, but by revealing their magnificent scope to the world. A 2018 GRAMMY® win for *TajMo*, Taj’s collaboration with Keb’ Mo’, brought his GRAMMY® tally to three wins and 14 nominations, and underscored his undiminished relevance more than 50 years after his solo debut. A Blues Hall of Fame membership, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Americana Music Association, and other honors also punctuate his résumé.

Band members include Taj Mahal (vocals, guitar, piano, banjo and more), Bobby Ingano (guitar), Bill Rich (bass), and Kester Smith (drums). Maestro welcomes the exciting addition of duo Rob Ickes (dobro) & Trey Hensley (acoustic guitar/vocals), both known and well-versed in Americana, Bluegrass, Country, and Blues music. This new combination surely promises some of the most stellar musical moments you’ve enjoyed in recent memory. The Sextet sparks and plays off of one another throughout performances of these timeless songs, as they are fueled by the Maestro’s passion and lifelong dedication to unveiling why the music of the Americas and Africa is now and will forever be a “global resource.”

A brilliant artist with a musicologist’s mind, Taj has pursued and elevated the roots of beloved sounds with boundless devotion and skill. Then, as he traced origins to the American South, the Caribbean, Africa, and elsewhere, he created entirely new sounds, over and over again. As a result, he’s not only a god to rock-and-roll icons such as Eric Clapton and the Rolling Stones, but also a hero to ambitious artists toiling in obscurity, who are determined to combine sounds that have heretofore been ostracized from one another. No one is as simultaneously traditional and avant-garde.

Taj doesn’t wait for permission. If a sound intrigues him, he sets out to make it. If origins mystify him, he moves to trace them. If rules get in his way, he unapologetically breaks them. To Taj, convention means nothing, but traditions are holy. He has pushed music and culture forward, all while looking lovingly back. Over the years, the artist had also emerged as a mind-boggling, multifaceted player. In addition to the guitar, Taj has become

proficient on about 20 different instruments — and counting. As one of the most influential American blues and roots artists of the past half-century, his music spans continents and generations.

Tickets for [Taj Mahal Sextet](#) 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*). Section A tickets are \$69, and Section B tickets are \$59. Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero Facility Fee; other fees may also apply.

*Please note that all events are subject to State, County, and other governmental agency COVID-19 pandemic mandates and regulations covering indoor live events. Therefore, in an effort to create the safest possible environment for our guests, all attendees (including children 5 years old and younger) must show proof of vaccination OR supply a negative Covid-19 medical test result (taken within 72 hours prior to each event), before entering the Lobero (over-the-counter tests will not be accepted). Masks are no longer required indoors for vaccinated individuals, but are recommended. Masks are required for unvaccinated individuals. The Lobero staff and ushers have all been fully vaccinated. **Adults must show photo ID.***

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## UPCOMING LOBERO LIVE EVENTS:

### FEBRUARY 2022

Lobero LIVE presents **Watchhouse (fka Mandolin Orange) with Tré Burt 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/>

### MARCH 2022

Lobero LIVE presents **Richard Thompson on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:30 PM.** A pioneer of folk-rock, Richard Thompson is one of Britain's most astonishing guitarists. The hugely influential singer-songwriter began his career in music nearly 55 years ago. Powered by evocative songcraft, jaw-dropping guitar playing and indefinable spirit, this venerable icon holds a coveted spot on Rolling Stone's "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time," counts a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Americana Music Association in Nashville, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the BBC Awards among his many accolades. <https://www.lobero.org/events/richard-thompson/>

Lobero LIVE presents Terry Hill and Milt Larsen present **It's Magic!, Two shows on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 2 PM & 6:30 PM.** America's longest-running magic revue returns to the Lobero to dazzle audiences with an all-new lineup of top illusionists direct from exotic showrooms around the world and Hollywood's famous Magic Castle. This 65th Annual Edition of *It's Magic!* features David Goldrake, Jody Baran & Kathleen, Christopher Hart, Dan Birch, and Tom Ogden. <https://www.lobero.org/events/its-magic-2020/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Marc Maron: This May Be The Last Time Tour on Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 7 PM (rescheduled from January 27).** For more than twenty-five years, Marc Maron has been writing and performing raw, honest and thought-provoking comedy. The multi-talented artist has four hit stand-up comedy specials, starred in the Netflix original series *Glow*, appeared in numerous feature films, and hosts the hugely successful podcast, *WTF with Marc Maron*, which averages 6 million downloads per month. <https://www.lobero.org/events/marc-maroon/>

Jazz at the Lobero and the Lobero Brubeck Circle present **The Derek Douget Band on Friday, March 11, 2022 at 7:30 PM.** Acclaimed saxophonist Derek Douget returns to Santa Barbara for an evening of New Orleans jazz you

won't want to miss! Douget, who is a member of the Ellis Marsalis Quartet and Director of the Heritage School of Music, has performed and worked with a veritable who's who in the world of jazz, including Dr. John, Terence Blanchard, Allen Toussaint, Branford Marsalis, Dee Dee Bridgewater, and more.

<https://www.lobero.org/events/jazz-2022-derek-douget/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band, Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 8 PM**. The Louisiana born songsmith has sold millions of albums while throwing singles into the Top 10, shining a light on the rich blues of the past, and forging ahead with his own modern twist on a classic sound he has embodied since his teens. From television performances on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The Late Show with David Letterman, Jimmy Kimmel Live, and Late Night with Jimmy Fallon (amongst others), to features in Rolling Stone, Vanity Fair, Maxim Magazine, Blender, Spin, USA Today and more, his musical career has been nothing short of phenomenal.

<https://www.lobero.org/events/kenny-wayne-shepherd/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Sarah Jarosz with Ric Robertson, Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 7:30 PM**. With her captivating voice and richly detailed songwriting, the four-time GRAMMY® Award winner has emerged as one of the most compelling musicians of her generation. Jarosz has several critically lauded albums and has also joined forces with Sara Watkins and Aoife O'Donovan to form the acclaimed GRAMMY® winning folk trio, I'm With Her. New Orleans-based songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, Ric Robertson, opens the show.

<https://www.lobero.org/events/sarah-jarosz-2/>

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**Calendar Editors, please note:**

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