



JAZZ AT THE LOBERO

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Jazz at the Lobero presents

Marcus Roberts Trio

Marcus Roberts - piano, Jason Marsalis - drums, Rodney Jordan - bass

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:30 PM

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- All members of the band share equally in shaping the direction of the music.
- The musicians are dedicated to the training and development of younger artists.

Santa Barbara, CA, April 27, 2022 – Jazz at the Lobero presents Marcus Roberts Trio on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:30 PM. A long-term musical partnership between pianist Marcus Roberts, drummer Jason Marsalis, and bassist Rodney Jordan, the trio is known for its virtuosic style and entirely new approach to jazz trio performance. All members of the band share equally in shaping the direction of the music by changing its tempo, mood, or form at any time – with lightning quick musical reflexes and creative imagination.

“Beyond Roberts’ facility as pianist, he brings one more strength to bear: the longevity of his trio...” – *Chicago Tribune*

The Marcus Roberts Trio believes in ‘letting the music take over’ and the result is a powerfully rhythmic and melodic sound that is filled with rhythmic, harmonic, and dynamic contrast. Added to the logic and balanced trio style of Ahmad Jamal, is the swing and virtuosity of the Oscar Peterson Trio, combined with the buoyant joyous sound of Erroll Garner. These influences provide a rich foundation for the ever evolving and expanding sound of the Marcus Roberts Trio. The musical cues combine with musical inspiration from all over the world, which guarantees that audiences never know where this trio is heading; influences from Africa, Europe, and South America are combined with American traditions to give this group an infinite palate of styles, timbres and colors to draw from.

Roberts’ critically-acclaimed legacy of recorded music reflects his tremendous versatility as an artist and includes solo piano, duets and trio arrangements of jazz standards, as well as original suites of music, large ensemble works, and symphony orchestra recordings. Dedicated to the training and development of younger musicians, he and his trio regularly provide master classes, workshops, lecture-demonstrations and residency programs while on tour. Memphis native Rodney Jordan, one of the most versatile jazz bassists on the scene today, joined the Marcus Roberts Trio in 2009. His knowledge of harmony from his classical bass training, combined with the relentless feeling of swing in his playing, is a perfect fit for the powerful melodic, blues-based, syncopated improvisational sound of the trio. Jason Marsalis, the youngest son of pianist and music educator Ellis Marsalis, began touring with

Marcus Roberts in 1994 and has been featured on all of Roberts' group recordings with trio, large ensembles, and symphony orchestras since 1995. He has also been instrumental to the development of the philosophy and style of the Marcus Roberts Trio.

The Marcus Roberts Trio will also be appearing in "Riffing on Gershwin" – playing the music of George Gershwin and Florence Price with the Santa Barbara Symphony on May 21st and 22nd at the Granada Theatre. The Artist Residency is presented by Jazz at the Lobero, in partnership with the Santa Barbara Symphony.

Tickets for [The Marcus Roberts Trio](#) are on sale now at [Lobero.org](#) and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. VIP Experience tickets are \$106 (includes premier seating and full VIP package). Section A tickets are \$46, and Section B tickets are \$36. 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, but are recommended. The Lobero staff and ushers have all been fully vaccinated. **Adults must show photo ID.***

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UPCOMING LOBERO LIVE EVENTS:

June 2022

Lobero LIVE presents **Amos Lee, with special guest, Neal Francis, on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 7:30 PM.** The Philadelphia-born singer-songwriter creates the rare kind of music that's emotionally raw, yet touched with a certain magical quality. Having garnered critical praise and chart success, Lee has performed as a featured artist on the PBS series *Bluegrass Underground*, appeared on several late-night TV shows, and recently released his eighth album, *Dreamland*. Chicago singer-songwriter-pianist Neal Francis opens the show.

<https://www.lobero.org/events/amos-lee/>

July 2022

Lobero LIVE presents **Corinne Bailey Rae, with special guest star Jensen McRae, on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 7:30 PM.** The two-time GRAMMY® Award-winner shot to stardom with her #1 UK debut album, featuring the global hits "Put Your Records On" and "Like A Star." Bailey Rae continues to collaborate and perform with artists across musical genres, including Mary J Blige, Al Green, Herbie Hancock, Paul McCartney, Stevie Wonder, Tyler The Creator, and many more. <https://www.lobero.org/events/corinne-bailey-rae/>

August 2022

Lobero LIVE presents **An Evening with Hot Tuna – Acoustic on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 7:30 PM.** No one has more consistently led American music for the last 50 years than Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady, the founders of Hot Tuna – which started as a side project during their Jefferson Airplane days. The band members, who were honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards at the 2016 GRAMMY® Awards, perform with a well-honed and solid power, always in the groove from their years of experience and mutual inspiration.

<https://www.lobero.org/events/an-evening-with-hot-tuna-acoustic/>

September 2022

Lobero LIVE presents **Get The Led Out on Friday, September 30, 2022 at 7:30 PM**. The Philadelphia-based group, which consists of six veteran musicians, delivers a high energy Zeppelin concert with an honest, heart-thumping intensity. Performing blues-soaked, groove-driven rock anthems with passion and fury, the band has amassed a strong national touring history. <https://www.lobero.org/events/get-the-led-out-2/>

Lobero LIVE is funded in part by the Events and Festivals Program using funds provided by the City of Santa Barbara in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission.

**Calendar Editors, please note:
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