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EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero LIVE present

**The Blasters**

**with very special guest Dave Alvin**

**Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 7:30 PM**

- One of the most recognizable and credible bands in American Music
- A sound that ignores the lines between Rock & Roll, Country, Blues, and Rockabilly
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

*Santa Barbara, CA, July 6, 2022* – EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero LIVE present **The Blasters, with very special guest Dave Alvin, on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 7:30 PM.** The Blasters have spent their lives exploring and expressing the deep and diverse musical legacy that is best described by the title of their first album: *American Music*. From early days growing up in Downey, California under the tutelage of T-Bone Walker and Big Joe Turner, to their emergence as central figures in the eclectic LA punk/rock scene of the early '80s, The Blasters now enjoy their current status as internationally-renowned influences in their own right.

The band's 1980 debut album was a powerful collection of fresh, distinctive performances that shattered the artificial boundaries between blues, rockabilly, country, R&B and rock & roll. Blasters shows have been described as "a cross between Creedence and the Clash," with a display of passion and energy only deepened by decades of experience. For all of the ways in which the world has changed in the past few decades, one thing is still guaranteed: The Blasters play American Music. *Fun On Saturday Night* (Rip Cat Records), the Blasters' sixth studio album released in 2012, featured twelve tracks which extended the band's legacy of classic recordings.

A performance by today's Blasters – vocalist/guitarist Phil Alvin, drummer Bill Bateman, bassist John Bazz, and guitarist Keith Wyatt – reflects influences that range from George Jones and Carl Perkins to Howlin' Wolf, James Brown and Bo Diddley. Fronted by Phil Alvin's powerful vocals, the band follows through with spontaneity, power, and grit. Since forming The Blasters with his brother Phil in 1979, Dave Alvin left the band in 1986 to embark on a long, critically acclaimed solo career, but will be reuniting with the group for this rare 40th Anniversary Concert – an experience not to be missed.

Tickets for [The Blasters, with very special guest Dave Alvin](#) are on sale now at [Lobero.org](http://Lobero.org) and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. VIP Experience tickets are \$106 (includes premier seating and a pre-show reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres) and Section A tickets are \$49. Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero Facility Fee; other fees may also apply.

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## UPCOMING LOBERO LIVE EVENTS:

### 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/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Leo Kottke, on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 7:30 PM.** The famed solo acoustic guitarist is known for a fingerpicking style that draws on blues, jazz, and folk music, and for syncopated, polyphonic melodies. Kottke has recorded over 30 albums that showcase his barnstorming fretwork and quirky songwriting. The two-time GRAMMY® nominee is a master of the guitar, whose playing has influenced generations of musicians and listeners. <https://www.lobero.org/events/leo-kottke-2/>

### August 2022

Lobero LIVE presents **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. Three-time GRAMMY® Award winner Justin Guip lets the song dictate his drumming style – that beat provides the perfect dynamic for Hot Tuna to electrify their trademark sound. <https://www.lobero.org/events/an-evening-with-hot-tuna-acoustic/>

### September 2022

Lobero LIVE presents **Tab Benoit with special guest JD Simo on Friday, September 2, 2022 at 7:30 PM.** Benoit is a GRAMMY® nominated singer, songwriter and guitarist who has built a remarkable 30+ year career on the foundation of his gritty and soulful Delta swamp blues, acquiring a devoted legion of fans along the way – as well as 5 Blues Music Awards, including BB King Entertainer of the Year (twice) and an induction into The Louisiana Music Hall of Fame. <https://www.lobero.org/events/tab-benoit/>

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero LIVE presents **An Intimate Evening of Songs and Stories with Suzanne Vega on Wednesday, Sept 28, 2022 at 7:30 PM.** Bearing the stamp of a masterful storyteller who “observes the world with a clinically poetic eye” (*The New York Times*), Vega’s songs have tended to focus on city life, ordinary people and real-world subjects. Notably succinct and understated, her work is immediately recognizable — as utterly distinct and thoughtful as it was when her voice was first heard on the radio over 30 years ago. <https://www.lobero.org/events/suzanne-vega/>

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/>

### October 2022

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero LIVE present **An Evening with The Wallflowers on Friday, October 7 at 8 PM.** The Wallflowers have held their ground as one of rock's most dynamic and purposeful bands – continually honing a sound that meshes timeless songwriting and storytelling with a hard-hitting and decidedly modern musical attack. *Exit Wounds*, the group's latest studio offering, finds the GRAMMY® Award winning band's signature sound intact, even as Jakob Dylan surrounds himself with a fresh cast of musicians. <https://www.lobero.org/events/the-wallflowers-2/>

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