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Tab Benoit

with special guest JD Simo

Friday, September 2, 2022 at 7:30 PM

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Santa Barbara, CA, August 1, 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, soulful Delta swamp blues. The artist has received 5 Blues Music Awards, including BB King Entertainer of the Year (twice) and an induction into The Louisiana Music Hall of Fame. Nashville-based singer, songwriter, guitarist, and producer JD Simo opens the show.

One of the most impressive guitarists to emerge from the rich Bayous of Southern Louisiana in recent years, Tab Benoit's guitar tone can be recognized before his Otis-Redding-ish voice resonates from the speakers. He doesn't rely on any effects and his set up is simple. It consists of a guitar, cord, and Category 5 Amplifier. The effects that you hear come from his fingers. The artist has recorded and/or performed with Junior Wells, George Porter Jr, Dr. John, Willie Nelson, Big Chief Monk Boudreaux, Billy Joe Shaver, Maria Muldaur, and numerous others. His accomplishments as a musician are matched only by his devotion to the environmental health of his native Louisiana wetlands as founder and driving force behind Voice of the Wetlands.

JD Simo connects the missing link between Motown and Woodstock, as he fuses fluid and fiery fretwork with vital and vulnerable vocals. The artist has been acclaimed by *Rolling Stone*, *NPR*, *Guitar Player*, *Relix*, *No Depression*, and more. Logging hundreds of gigs annually, JD has collaborated with Jack White, Tommy Emmanuel, Luther Dickinson, and Blackberry Smoke among others. He has graced the bills of numerous festivals, including Bonnaroo, Warren Haynes Christmas Jam, and Mountain Jam. In addition, Phil Lesh, iconic co-founder of The Grateful Dead, invited him to join Phil Lesh and Friends. Simo's latest album, *Mind Control*, released in 2021, is JD's most unique, original and rawest effort to date.

Tickets for [Tab Benoit with special guest JD Simo](#) 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 a pre-show reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres), Section A tickets are \$49, and Section B tickets are \$39. Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero Facility Fee; other fees may also apply.

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UPCOMING LOBERO LIVE EVENTS:

August 2022

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero LIVE present **The Blasters with special guest Dave Alvin on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 7:30 PM** With a sound that ignores the lines between Rock & Roll, Country, Blues, and Rockabilly, The Blasters carry on a hard-won legacy as one of the most recognizable and credible bands in American Music. Fronted by Phil Alvin's powerful vocals, the band follows through with spontaneity, power, and grit – making this rare 40th Anniversary Concert an experience not to be missed.

<https://www.lobero.org/events/the-blasters/>

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

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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