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The Lobero Theatre Foundation 150th Ovation Celebration presents

Jack Johnson

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Santa Barbara, CA, January 31, 2023 – In honor of its 150th Anniversary Celebration, The Lobero Theatre Foundation presents **Jack Johnson on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:30 PM**. This will be Johnson's first theater performance of his *Meet The Moonlight Tour*, after kicking it off as a special performer at the Cali Vibes festival in Long Beach earlier in the same week. The show is part of the Lobero's Ovation Celebration, created to commemorate the theater's momentous sesquicentennial, giving theater lovers a chance to experience the historic Lobero Theatre while seeing top talent in a setting hard to find elsewhere in the U.S. Originally founded in 1873, the Lobero is the oldest continuously operating theater in California, and the fourth oldest performing arts theater in the country.

Jack Johnson, the Hawaiian-born singer-songwriter, filmmaker, environmentalist, and former professional surfer, is known primarily for his work in the soft rock and acoustic pop genres. Jack's first five major-label albums all climbed to platinum status, and he continued to find success in the 2010s with numerous well-received efforts. Johnson's eighth studio album and first full-length release in five years, *Meet The Moonlight* (2022), ultimately affirms the artist as an essential voice in elevating our perspective and subtly guiding us toward a more expansive state of mind. As he gears up for a 35-date North American tour in support of his new album, Johnson looks forward to the unbridled sense of communion that playing live always provides.

Meet The Moonlight opens on a question about the strange complexities of human nature, and never lets up on its heartfelt push for deeper understanding. Over the course of ten captivating and endlessly unpredictable tracks, the artist examines a whole spectrum of existential concerns (the impermanence of life and fragility of human connection, the struggle for community and presence in an ever-fragmenting world), infusing each inquiry with the profound warmth and poetic grace that have always permeated his music. The album was produced by Blake Mills (an acclaimed multi-instrumentalist/producer), engineered by Joseph Lorge, and recorded both in Los Angeles and Hawaii.

The rare balance of quiet introspection and thoughtful observation has driven much of Johnson's songwriting over the years. *Meet The Moonlight* marks a major artistic milestone for Johnson, whose decades-spanning career has included multiple awards and two GRAMMY® nominations, over 25 million album units sold worldwide, and countless sold-out tours (during which he's emerged as a leading force in greening the global touring industry). In a departure from his past work, most of the album took shape from one-on-one collaboration with Mills, an intimate and highly experimental process that involved embedding Johnson's elegantly stripped-back arrangements with enchanting sonic details.

UP NEXT FROM LOBERO LIVE:

February 2023

Jazz at the Lobero Ovation Series presents **Arturo Sandoval on Friday, February 10, 2023 at 7:30 PM**. A protégé of the legendary jazz master Dizzy Gillespie, Sandoval has evolved into one of the world's most acknowledged guardians of jazz trumpet and flugelhorn, as well as a renowned classical artist, pianist and composer. One of the most dynamic and vivacious live performers of our time, he has received 10 GRAMMY® Awards, 6 Billboard Awards, and an Emmy Award. In 2022, Sandoval released his newest album *Rhythm & Soul* to rave reviews. <https://www.lobero.org/events/arturo-sandoval-2/>

March 2023

Lobero LIVE presents **Ladysmith Black Mambazo on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7:30 PM**. For more than 60 years, South Africa's five-time GRAMMY® Award-winners, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, has warmed the hearts of audiences worldwide with uplifting vocal harmonies, signature dance moves, and charming onstage banter. <https://www.lobero.org/events/ladysmith-black-mambazo-2/>

Jazz at the Lobero Ovation Series presents **Preservation Hall Jazz Band on Friday, March 3, 2023 at 7:30 PM**. From the heart of the French Quarter to the world's stage, PHJB has spread the joyful, timeless spirit of true New Orleans jazz since 1961. While traditional New Orleans jazz repertoire remain their core focus, they've transformed into a vibrantly cross-pollinated ambassador for New Orleans, exploring original compositions, Afro-Cuban rhythms, R&B influences, and collaborating with artists beyond the jazz spectrum. Their nationwide tour, *Pass It On – 60th Anniversary Musical Celebration*, commemorates six decades of the Hall's well-worn, well-loved space that's physically small, but spiritually huge. <https://www.lobero.org/events/preservation-hall-jazz-band-2/>

Community Arts Music Association and The Lobero Theatre Foundation present **Los Romeros – The Romero Guitar Quartet “The Royal Family of the Guitar,” Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 7:30 PM**. The Romeros' voluminous discography spans the entire repertoire of the classical guitar from the works of its earliest composers to those of today's masters. <https://www.lobero.org/events/cama-22-23-los-romeros/>

Jazz at the Lobero Ovation Series presents **Charles Lloyd 85th Birthday Celebration on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 7:30 PM**. NEA Jazz Master Charles Lloyd felt that the world needed more tenderness and invited pianist Jason Moran, bassist Larry Grenadier, and drummer Brian Blade to join him in making an offering to humanity. This super group of musical genius will have its World Premiere at the Lobero during the celebration of its 150th anniversary which, serendipitously, coincides with Charles' 85th birthday! <https://www.lobero.org/events/charles-lloyd-85th-birthday-celebration/>

Milt Larsen, Terry Hill and Lobero LIVE present **It's Magic! presents Lance Burton & Friends, on Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 2 PM & 6:30 PM**. Master Magician Lance Burton has performed over 15,000 shows for over 15 million fans. A Las Vegas headliner for three decades, he was named “Best Magician” 18 years in a row by readers of the Las Vegas Review-Journal. His new live show *Lance Burton & Friends*, with juggler Michael Goudeau, comedy magician Fielding West, and illusionist Keith West, is a mix of illusions, sleight of hand, and

audience participation – a Las Vegas show suitable for the whole family! <https://www.lobero.org/events/its-magic-2023/>

April 2023

Lobero LIVE presents **An Evening with Colin Hay, with special guest Lazlo Bane, on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 7:30 PM.** Hay has had a prolific career, both as the lead singer/principal songwriter for the GRAMMY® Award-winning band Men at Work, and a solo career that spans 25 years and 15 albums. This show will feature songs from his entire catalog, including latest releases, engaging stories, and rare accompaniment by his acoustic band. <https://www.lobero.org/events/an-evening-with-colin-hay/>

Jazz at the Lobero Ovation Series presents The **Derek Douget Band, Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 7:30 PM.** The accomplished saxophonist finely mixes his Louisiana upbringing with his strong individualism and idiosyncratic voice. Douget, who has performed with many notable musicians on the New Orleans scene, will be joined on stage by Ashlin Parker (trumpet), Victor Atkins, (piano), and Jason Stewart (bass). <https://www.lobero.org/events/spring-jazz-2023-derek-douget-quintet/>

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Lobero Box Office: www.Lobero.org, 805.963.0761, 33 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

ABOUT THE LOBERO THEATRE

Renowned for high quality events presented in a welcoming, intimate atmosphere, the Lobero has been the heart and rhythm of Santa Barbara for 150 years. Originally founded as José Lobero's Opera House in 1873, it is the oldest continuously operating theater in California, and the fourth oldest performing arts theater in the country. The opera house was rebuilt in 1924 in a Spanish Colonial Revival style designed by architects George Washington Smith and Lulah Maria Riggs. Registered as a state and city historical landmark, the Lobero is recognized as one of Santa Barbara's architectural jewels. Today, the theater is managed by the Lobero Theatre

Foundation, who works to maintain, improve, and operate this notable treasure as a performing arts theater and cultural asset to the community. In addition, the Lobero is Santa Barbara County's first certified Green Theater and the first historic building to earn this designation. www.lobero.org

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