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Lobero LIVE presents

Ladysmith Black Mambazo

Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Santa Barbara, CA, February 13, 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, have warmed the hearts of audiences worldwide with uplifting vocal harmonies, signature dance moves, and charming onstage banter. The late former South African President, Nelson Mandela, designated the group "South Africa's cultural ambassadors to the world" – a title the members carry with the highest honor, as they share their message of peace, love, and harmony across the globe.

"It isn't merely the grace and power of their dancing or the beauty of their singing that rivets the attention, but the sheer joy and love that emanates from their being." – Paul Simon

"They are musical uniters and global boundary-crossers . . . their warm-centered presence and harmonics both soothe and offer hope for a more empathetic world." – The Chicago Tribune

Founded by Joseph Shabalala in 1964, the a cappella group's compelling performance style is a unique melding of indigenous Zulu songs and dances with South African *isicathamiya*. It was Paul Simon's 1987 *Graceland* album that introduced Ladysmith Black Mambazo to the world. In addition to their work with Simon, they have recorded with Stevie Wonder, Dolly Parton, Sarah McLachlan, Josh Groban, Emmylou Harris and numerous others. The group has provided music for many movies, appeared on Broadway, and even had a documentary film, *On Tip Toe: The Story of Ladysmith Black Mambazo*, nominated for an Academy Award.

In 2018, the group received not one but two GRAMMY® nominations for two separate albums, a first in the history of World Music. These two nominations brought their career total to 19 GRAMMY® nominations. One of these albums, *Shaka Zulu Revisited*, won Best World Music Album. This was the group's fifth GRAMMY® Award win, the most for any World Music group. In 2019, Ladysmith Black Mambazo collaborated for the third time with the famed Steppenwolf Theatre Company on a production entitled *Lindiwe* and released an album with songs from the show. Joseph Shabalala retired in 2014 (and passed away in 2020), handing the group leadership to his four sons, Thulani, Msizi, Sibongiseni and Thamsanqa. In their hands and with their voices, the future of the group is assured to continue for years to come.

Tickets for Ladysmith Black Mambazo 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 with drinks and hors d'oeuvres), 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.) This performance was originally scheduled for February 19, 2022 and has been rescheduled to March 2, 2023. All tickets for the original performance dates will be honored for the rescheduled show at the Lobero Theatre on March 2, 2023.

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/>

The Lobero Theatre Foundation 150th Ovation Celebration presents **Jack Johnson on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:30 PM**. The American singer-songwriter, filmmaker, and former professional surfer is known primarily for his work in the soft rock and acoustic pop genres. His first five major-label albums all climbed to platinum status, and the artist continued to find success in the 2010s with more well-received efforts. Jack's eighth studio album and first full-length release in five years, *Meet The Moonlight* (2022), was produced by Blake Mills, engineered by Joseph Lorge, and recorded both in Los Angeles and Hawaii. <https://www.lobero.org/events/jack-johnson/>

March 2023

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/>

Lobero LIVE, KTYD and Pandaman present **Go To Hale: Quips & Clips - Six Decades of Music on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 6:52 PM**. In honor of the Lobero's 150th Anniversary, Quipster Hale Milgrim (former President/CEO of Capitol Records) and music lover Richard Salzberg (aka Music Maniac) are crafting a special program culled from their respective archives, showcasing live and rare concert clips from a wide variety of iconic musicians that have all played on the Lobero stage at some point in their careers from the 60s to present. Proceeds support live music at the Lobero Theatre. <https://www.lobero.org/events/go-to-hale-six-decades-of-music/>

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.

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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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