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Long Man Productions presents

Tom Russell

Friday, March 31, 2023 at 7 PM

Santa Barbara, March 1, 2023 – UC Santa Barbara graduate Tom Russell will perform at the Lobero Theater on Friday, March 31, 2023 at 7 PM. Introducing Russell is two-time GRAMMY® Award-winning artist Louie Ortega of the Texas Tornados. The Santa Barbara show will mark Russell's third performance in a world tour spanning North America, the United Kingdom, and Europe.

"The greatest living folk-country songwriter." – Rolling Stone

Russell's songs have been recorded by Johnny Cash, Doug Sahm, Nanci Griffith, K.D. Lang, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Dave Alvin, Ian Tyson, Iris Dement, Joe Ely, Tom Paxton, and a host of others musicians. He would eventually go on to record thirty-five highly acclaimed records and publish five books – including a book on his art and a book of his songs. Along the way, Russell earned his Master's in criminology from UC Santa Barbara.

Russell describes his latest recording of original compositions, *October in the Railroad Earth*, as "Jack Kerouac meets Johnny Cash in Bakersfield." An album which Elton John's lyricist, Bernie Taupin, cites as "the best record of the year." Bill Kirchen is featured on lead electric guitar, Eliza Gilkyson adds vocals, and the GRAMMY® Award-winning Texmaniacs appear on "Isadore Gonzalez," about a Mexican cowboy who died in England during a performance of *Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show*. The record contains nine other originals, including the title song from the Irish film *Small Engine Repair*, and a cover of the traditional "Wreck of the Old 97."

One of Russell's previous albums, the 2015 masterpiece *The Rose of Roscrae*, was named "The top folk album of 2015" by *Mojo Magazine*. *Roscrae* was also lauded as "maybe the most important Americana record of all time" by *UK Folk*. The album was included in top ten lists of dozens of publications, including the *Los Angeles Times*. Russell was recently awarded the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers Deems Taylor Award for excellence in music journalism, and has appeared on *Late Night with David Letterman* five times.

Link to photographs: <http://tomrussell.com/biography.php>

Tickets for Tom Russell are on sale now at [Lobero.org](http://lobero.org) and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. \$75 Section A, \$55 Section B, \$35 Section C. (Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero *Facility Fee*; other *fees* may also apply.)

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Calendar Editors, please note:

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Having released more than three dozen albums, award-winning singer/songwriter Tom Russell is regarded by peers and fans alike as part of an American cultural and literary lineage that extends from the golden era of cowboy and folk traditions to the romantic yet hard-bitten Americana of Woody Guthrie and Bob Dylan; from Townes Van Zandt to the poetry and prose of writers such as Raymond Chandler, William Faulkner and Charles Bukowski. His songs have been recorded by numerous musical legends, including Johnny Cash, Doug Sahm, Nanci Griffith, k.d. lang, and more.

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