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Lobero LIVE presents

Mighty Poplar

featuring Andrew Marlin, Noam Pikelny, Chris Eldridge, and Greg Garrison

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Santa Barbara, CA, April 20, 2023 – Lobero LIVE presents Mighty Poplar on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:30 PM. Regarded as some of the finest players of their generation, Mighty Poplar features Andrew Marlin (Watchhouse), Noam Pikelny and Chris Eldridge (Punch Brothers), and Greg Garrison (Leftover Salmon). The true spirit of bluegrass infuses their self-titled debut album, a new all-star roots project, released last month on Free Dirt Records.

Though Pikelny, Eldridge, Garrison all knew each other from their early work with Punch Brothers, impromptu backstage jams with Marlin at festivals across the country were the key that unlocked the project. It's clear that each player joined out of pure excitement to play music with each other. There's a level of curiosity and engagement that's only found at the highest echelons of music making. What sets Mighty Poplar apart from the members' full-time endeavors is that this band offers the opportunity to play pure genuine bluegrass. Ultimately, there was a kind of joy and relief in coming back to their roots in celebration and camaraderie.

Their eponymous album captures the fierce and playful energy of an all-night jam between old friends, who just happen to be grandmasters of the music. Inspired by the 1980s albums of The Bluegrass Album Band, which united some of that era's best bluegrass players, Mighty Poplar sought to emulate the fun and spontaneity of those inspirational recordings. But don't mistake the album for a tribute record; the band aimed to find their own arrangements and deliver fresh takes on the songs.

Tickets for Mighty Poplar are on sale now at Lobero.org and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. VIP tickets are \$106 (*VIP ticket includes premier seating and a pre-show reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres*), and Section A tickets are \$39. (*Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero Facility Fee; other fees may also apply.*)

UPCOMING LOBERO LIVE EVENTS:

May 2023

Lobero LIVE presents **Lobero Theatre Chamber Music Project on Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6, at 7 PM at the Lobero Theatre, and on Sunday, May 7, at 4 PM at Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (Fleischman Auditorium)**. Eight classical music luminaries from around the world perform best-regarded chamber works for strings and piano – masterpieces by Dvořák, Bruckner, Debussy, Ravel, Fauré, Mozart and Mendelssohn. Artfully curated by renowned music director/violist Heiichiro Ohyama and internationally celebrated violinist Benjamin

Beilman, the chamber ensemble also includes classical music stars Lucille Chung (piano), Erin Keefe (violin), Masumi Per Rostad (viola), Robert deMaine (cello), Mayuko Ishigami (violin) and Christine J. Lee (cello). <https://www.lobero.org/events/lobero-theatre-chamber-music-project-2023/>

Jazz at the Lobero Ovation Series presents **Tierney Sutton – Paris Sessions Trio and Celebrating 30 years of The Tierney Sutton Band on Friday, May 12, at 7:30 PM**. The 9-time GRAMMY® nominee has received 7 consecutive nominations for “Best Jazz Vocal Album” – one for every project she has released for the last decade. With a recording and touring history spanning over 20 years and 9 CDs, the band is the only team ever to receive a GRAMMY® nomination for its collaborative arranging. <https://www.lobero.org/events/spring-jazz-2023-tierney-sutton/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Rodney Crowell: The Chicago Sessions Tour with special guests Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:30 PM**. With 15 number one hits and tracks recorded by everyone from Emmylou Harris and Johnny Cash to Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson, it would be difficult to overstate Crowell’s impact on roots music over the past five decades. The two-time GRAMMY® winner has been inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Songwriting from the Americana Music Association, was honored with ASCAP’s prestigious Founder’s Award, and was presented with the Academy of Country Music’s Poet’s Award. <https://www.lobero.org/events/an-evening-with-rodney-crowell/>

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS a Free Community Block Party Event, in honor of the Lobero’s 150th Ovation Celebration, featuring Chubby Checker and The Wildcats, with special guests Glen Phillips, Spencer The Gardener, and La Boheme Dancers performing on the Lobero’s esplanade on Saturday, May 20, 3 PM – 8 PM. Come twist the night away! For more information, visit <https://www.lobero.org/events/chubby-checker/>

July 2023

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero LIVE present An Evening with Graham Nash on Saturday, July 15, at 7:30 PM and Sunday, July 16, at 7 PM. As a founding member of both the Hollies and Crosby, Stills and Nash, the legendary artist has seen rock history unfold at some of its seminal moments. The extraordinary GRAMMY® Award-winning renaissance artist is a two-time Rock ‘N Roll Hall of Fame inductee and was inducted twice into the Songwriters Hall of Fame – for his work with CSN and his work as a solo artist. Nash will be joined on stage by his longtime musical partners, Shane Fontayne (guitar and vocals) and Todd Caldwell (keyboards and vocals), performing favorites from across his sixty-year career. <https://www.lobero.org/events/graham-nash/>

Lobero LIVE presents **The Jerry Douglas Band, July 20, at 7:30 PM**. The band, led by 14-time GRAMMY® Award winner Jerry Douglas, has been forging new paths into the musical horizon since 2017, with deep roots in bluegrass and folk that spreads out into the Americana and jazz landscapes. They perform at some of the top U.S. festivals, such as Telluride Bluegrass Festival, Pilgrimage Music Festival, Big Ears Festival, and numerous others. In addition to Douglas, band members include Daniel Kimbro (bass), Christian Sedelmyer (fiddle), and Mike Seal (guitar). <https://www.lobero.org/events/jerry-douglas-band-2/>

Lobero LIVE presents **An Evening with the Robert Cray Band on Saturday, July 29, at 7:30 PM**. Over the past four decades, Cray has created a distinctive sound that rises from American roots, blues, soul, R&B and arrives today both fresh and familiar. Five GRAMMY® wins and 20 acclaimed studio and live albums punctuate the Blues Hall of Famer’s career. Robert’s band features Richard Cousins (bass), Dover Weinberg (keyboards), Terence F. Clark (drums), and Steve Jordan (drums, percussion). <https://www.lobero.org/events/robert-cray-band-2/>

August 2023

Celebrating the Lobero’s historic 150th Anniversary, EARL MINNIS PRESENTS Patti Smith Trio on Wednesday, August 9, at 8 PM – a remarkable fundraising concert benefitting the Lobero Theatre, Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA), Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation, and Bob Dylan Center. Smith – the punk poet laureate

who ranks among the most provocative, influential rock & rollers of all time – was named a Commander of the *Ordre des Arts et des Lettres* by the French Ministry of Culture, inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, received a Polar Music Prize, and was included in *Rolling Stone* magazine's 100 Greatest Artists of All Time. <https://www.lobero.org/events/patti-smith-trio/>

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