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**Rodney Crowell: The Chicago Sessions Tour
with special guests Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley**

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Santa Barbara, CA, April 20, 2023 – Lobero LIVE presents Rodney Crowell: The Chicago Sessions Tour, with special guests Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 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.

Born and raised in Texas, **Rodney Crowell** arrived in Nashville in the early 1970s, coming to prominence first as a writer before establishing himself as a critically acclaimed solo artist in his own right. In addition to his prolific output as an artist and producer, Crowell also found time to become a celebrated author, too, publishing a memoir and a lyrical retrospective to widespread praise. Along the way, NPR declared him the “literarily inclined elder statesman of the Americana scene,” while *Rolling Stone* hailed him as a “country music trailblazer,” and *The New York Times* proclaimed that his songwriting “gets better and sharper with age.” Produced by Jeff Tweedy, Crowell’s brilliant new album, *The Chicago Sessions*, is as incisive, engaging, and vital as ever, touching on everything from love and mortality to race and religion, as it balances careful craftsmanship with joyful liberation at every turn.

Take a 15-time IBMA (International Bluegrass Music Association) Dobro Player of the Year and a Tennessee-born guitar prodigy who made his Grand Ole Opry debut at the age of 11, and you have **Rob Ickes** and **Trey Hensley**, a powerhouse duo that has electrified the acoustic music scene. Known for their white-hot picking, stone country vocals with soul, and world class live musicianship, Ickes and Hensley meld together blues, bluegrass, country, rock, and other string band music of all kinds to form a signature blend of music that defies restrictions of genre. They are equally at home on stages of prestigious performing arts centers, theaters, and the Grand Ole Opry as they are on Americana, jamgrass, bluegrass and jam band festivals.

Tickets for [Rodney Crowell: The Chicago Sessions Tour, with special guests Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley](#) are on sale now at [Lobero.org](https://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 \$55. (*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/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Mighty Poplar on Wednesday, May 17, 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 on Free Dirt Records. The group has captured the fierce and playful energy of an all-night jam between old friends who just happen to be grandmasters of the music. <https://www.lobero.org/events/mighty-poplar/>

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS a Free Community Block Party Event, in honor of the Lobero's 150th Ovation Celebration, featuring Chubby Checker & 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, 2023 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.
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