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Good Medicine and Numbskull present

Asleep At The Wheel

Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Santa Barbara, CA, May 17, 2023 – Good Medicine and Numbskull present Asleep At The Wheel on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 7:30 PM. Asleep at the Wheel has been part of the American Roots music landscape for more than 50 years. Inspired by Western Swing and Honky-Tonk Country, the group has accrued 20 GRAMMY® Awards, released over twenty albums, and has charted more than 21 singles on the *Billboard* country charts. Although the lineup has changed countless times since its inception, frontman Ray Benson has held it together since 1970, traversing the globe as an ambassador of Western Swing music and introducing its irresistible sound to generation after generation. That far-reaching appeal remains a testament to Benson’s initial vision of forming a band to bring the roots of American pop music into the present.

Even though the band got its start on a farm in Paw Paw, West Virginia, they became a cornerstone of the Austin, Texas scene upon their arrival in 1973. Throughout their lengthy career, they have not simply preserved classic sounds, but have earned critical praise updating the music and keeping the art form alive. The group celebrated their 50th anniversary with the release of 2021’s *Half a Hundred Years*, an album that included guest appearances from friends and fans Willie Nelson, George Strait, Emmylou Harris, and Lyle Lovett, as well as contributions from three members from the original lineup, Chris O’Connell, Lucky Oceans, and Leroy Preston. Produced by Ray Benson and manager Sam Seifert, this is the band’s 26th studio album, and was released by Home Records, a sub-label of Bismieux Productions, with Thirty Tigers.

Tickets for Asleep At The Wheel are on sale now at Lobero.org and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. Section A tickets are \$54 and Section B tickets are \$44. (*Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero Facility Fee; other fees may also apply.*)

UPCOMING LOBERO LIVE EVENTS:

May 2023

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 **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 Cowboy Junkies on Friday, July 21, 2023 at 7:30 PM.** One of the most enduring bands in alternative rock, the Canadian band has managed to maintain a creative vision that's served them sublimely. Established in the mid-80s, their unique sound earned them both critical attention and a cult following. <https://www.lobero.org/events/an-evening-with-the-cowboy-junkies/>

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/>

September 2023

Lobero LIVE presents **Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers and Dave Hause & the Mermaid on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 7 PM.** The Southwestern pop-tinged Americana supergroup features Roger Clyne, P.H. Naffah, Nick Scropos, and Jim Dalton. Dave Hause & The Mermaid combines Americana tones and socially driven lyrics with punk spirit. <https://www.lobero.org/events/roger-clyne-and-the-peacemakers-and-dave-hause-the-mermaid/>

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