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EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present

The Robert Cray Band

Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 7:30 PM

Santa Barbara, CA, August 26, 2024 – EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **The Robert Cray Band on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 7:30 PM**. Five-time GRAMMY® Award-winner Robert Cray has developed into one of American music’s most singular artists. Celebrating 50 years on the road, the legendary blues-soul-rock musician is a recipient of the Americana Music Lifetime Achievement Award for Performance and has been inducted into Hollywood’s Rock Walk and the Blues Hall of Fame. The Robert Cray Band consists of Robert Cray (vocals/guitar), Richard Cousins (bass), Dover Weinberg (keyboards), and George Sluppick (drums).

From forming a teenage garage band, through to striding the stage alongside several of the world’s greatest guitarists, Cray’s story of struggle and commitment eventually led to phenomenal success – selling millions of albums and countless concert tickets – while his skills as a band leader and performer mark him as a keeper of the flame for American roots music. On his latest album, *That’s What I Heard*, Robert celebrates the music of Curtis Mayfield, Bobby “Blue” Bland, The Sensational Nightingales and more, alongside four newly written songs.

Cray’s commitment to making music of the highest order has won him both a loyal audience and the respect of many legendary figures. He has shared stage and/or studio with the likes of John Lee Hooker and B.B. King, Chuck Berry and Muddy Waters, Albert Collins and Stevie Ray Vaughan, the Rolling Stones and Eric Clapton, Tina Turner and Buddy Guy, the Memphis Horns and Hi Rhythm Section.

Tickets for The Robert Cray Band are on sale now at Lobero.org and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. \$106 - Premium Seating (*Premium ticket includes preferred seating location and an exclusive pre-show reception in the Lobero Courtyard with complimentary drinks and light bites, beginning an hour prior to showtime*), \$65 - Section A, \$55 - Section B. (*Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero Facility Fee; other fees may also apply.*)

UPCOMING LOBERO LIVE EVENTS:

AUGUST 2024

Lobero LIVE presents **Christopher Cross on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 7:30 PM**. Cross has sold over 10 million albums, garnered five GRAMMY® Awards, an Oscar, a Golden Globe, an Emmy nomination, and five Top 10 singles. He’ll be performing fan favorites “Sailing” and “Ride Like the Wind,” among numerous others from his impressive career spanning more than four decades. Featured Sponsor – Boone Graphics. <https://www.lobero.org/events/christopher-cross-2/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Toad the Wet Sprocket, with special guest Rainbow Girls, on Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 7:30 PM**. Glen Phillips, Todd Nichols, and Dean Dinning are still making new music and touring with the same spirit and independence that started it all. Their songs are filled with introspective lyrics, melodic guitars and vocal harmonies that have resonated for fans for decades. This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the 1994 platinum selling album *Dulcinea*. Featured Sponsor – Cresset Capital. <https://www.lobero.org/events/toad-the-wet-sprocket-2024/>

SEPTEMBER 2024

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation presents **Dave Mason's Traffic Jam on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 7:30 PM.** Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Dave Mason is a founding member of the group Traffic. The legendary British guitarist, who's impressive career spans half a century, has collaborated with some of the industry's most prolific artists. The band features Dave Mason, Mark Stein, Johnne Sambataro, Marty Fera, and Ray Cardwell.

<https://www.lobero.org/events/dave-masons-traffic-jam/>

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Don Was and the Pan Detroit Ensemble on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 7:30 PM.** Six-time GRAMMY® winning musician, producer, composer, and Blue Note Records President Don Was has unveiled his new band, featuring an assemblage of jazz-leaning artists from the artist's hometown, including longtime collaborator Dave McMurray (sax) and Luis Resto (keyboard). Additional musicians include Vincent Chandler (trombonist), John Douglas (trumpeter), Jeff Canady (drummer), Mahindi (percussionist), Wayne Gerard (guitarist), and Steffanie Christi'an (vocalist). The band will perform a mix of new originals and interpretations of songs written by artists like Yusef Lateef, Olu Dara, Henry Threadgill, and more. <https://www.lobero.org/events/don-was-and-the-pan-detroit-ensemble/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Hot Tuna – Acoustic on Monday, September 30, 2024 at 7:30 PM.** No one has more consistently led American music for the last 50 years than Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady, the founders of Hot Tuna – which started as a side project during their Jefferson Airplane days. The band members, who were honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards at the 2016 GRAMMY® Awards, perform with a well-honed and solid power, always in the groove from their years of experience and mutual inspiration. <https://www.lobero.org/events/hot-tuna-2024/>

OCTOBER 2024

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **Cat Power Sings Dylan: The 1966 Royal Albert Hall Concert – An Encore Performance on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 7:30 PM.** The artist, otherwise known as Chan Marshall, delivers a song-for-song recreation of one of the most fabled and transformative live sets of all time. The original performance saw Bob Dylan switching from acoustic to electric midway through the show, drawing ire from an audience of folk purists and forever altering the course of rock-and-roll. Marshall's spellbinding performance both lovingly honors her hero's imprint on history and brings a stunning new vitality to many of his most revered songs.

<https://www.lobero.org/events/cat-power-4/>

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Herb Alpert and Lani Hall on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 7:30 PM.** Music icon Herb Alpert, his GRAMMY® winning vocalist wife Lani Hall, and their incredible band perform an eclectic mix of American standards, Brazilian jazz, some Beatles, classic Tijuana Brass & Brazil '66 songs, as well as many surprises. The show also features a giant video screen that displays hundreds of classic photos, videos and various memorabilia from Herb and Lani's music careers. The prolific trumpeter's 49th studio album *Wish Upon A Star*, released in 2023, reached #1 on the Billboard Contemporary Jazz chart, and Lani's *Season's of Love* reached the top 10. Featured Sponsor – Noozhawk. <https://www.lobero.org/events/herb-alcpt-and-lani-hall/>

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Mariza on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 7:30 PM.** A chart-topping superstar of the fado movement in Portugal, Mariza has had a global following since the early 2000s. The multi-platinum-selling singer, who's received numerous national and international awards throughout her career, has distinguished herself by gradually incorporating elements from other folk and popular traditions into her music. Her latest album, *Home*, was released in September of 2023. <https://www.lobero.org/events/mariza/>

Lobero LIVE, KTYD and Pandaman present **Go To Hale: Quips & Clips – Positive Vibrations on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 6:52 PM.** In recognition of the Lobero Theatre's 100th Anniversary, Hale Milgrim (former President/CEO of Capitol Records) and music lover Richard Salzberg (aka Music Maniac) will take you on a brand new musical journey. In keeping with the theme of 'Positive Vibrations,' rare concert footage curated from Hale and Richard's private archives will be shown for one night only. Hale will also share personal stories from his years in the music industry and his relationships with many of the artists. <https://www.lobero.org/events/go-to-hale-2024/>

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **An Evening with Los Lobos, with special guest Molly Maher, on Friday, October 25, 2024 at 7:30 PM.** For all the trailblazing musical acts who've emerged from Los Angeles, very

few embody the city's wildly eclectic spirit more wholeheartedly than Los Lobos. Over the last five decades, the multi-GRAMMY® Award-winning band has made an indelible mark on music history by exploring an enormous diversity of genres and building a boldly unpredictable sound all their own. <https://www.lobero.org/events/los-lobos2024/>

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Tina Schlieske Quintet's *The Good Life* record release show on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 7:30 PM.** An icon in Minneapolis' music scene known for rock and Americana, Schlieske unveils her latest musical journey, *The Good Life*. Teaming up with a stellar ensemble, the artist embarks on a transformative jazz odyssey. This album, featuring renowned musicians Cody McKinney, Pete Hennig, Bryan Nichols, Brandon Wozniak, and Jake Baldwin, is a departure into uncharted jazz territory – a nod to the lasting allure of jazz, ushering in a new era yet paying homage to its timeless roots. Laura Schlieske opens the show. <https://www.lobero.org/events/the-tina-schlieske-band/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Aimee Mann, with special guest Jonathan Coulton, on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 7:30 PM.** One of the most distinguished singer-songwriters of her generation, Aimee's successful solo career has spanned several decades with two GRAMMY® Awards, several GRAMMY® nominations, and the release of nine critically acclaimed solo albums – including the profoundly popular soundtrack for the film *Magnolia*, which garnered an Academy Award and Golden Globe nomination for Best Song in 2000. Her latest release, *Queens of the Summer Hotel*, continues to showcase her exceptional songwriting and musical talent. <https://www.lobero.org/events/aimee-mann/>

NOVEMBER 2024

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **John Hiatt on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:30 PM.** John Hiatt's lyrics and melodies have graced more than 20 studio albums, have been recorded by Bob Dylan, Emmylou Harris, B.B. King, Willie Nelson, Bonnie Raitt and scores of others, and have earned him a place in the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, a BMI Troubadour Award, and a Lifetime Achievement in songwriting designation from the Americana Music Association. <https://www.lobero.org/events/john-hiatt/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Blind Pilot on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 7:30 PM.** The Portland-based group delivers powerfully moving, expressive music, striking a balance between mellow folk and West Coast indie pop. From mourning the past to confidently facing the future, Blind Pilot deftly navigates the world's complexities. The band has released three studio albums, performed on top talk shows, and has sold out concerts throughout the U.S., Europe, and the UK since its inception. Band members include Israel Nebeker, Ryan Dobrowski, Kati Claborn, Dave Jorgensen, Ian Krist and Luke Ydstie. Featured Sponsor – Weiser & Grant Dentistry <https://www.lobero.org/events/blind-pilot-2/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Mat Kearney – Headlights Home Tour, with special guest Darren Kiely, on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7:30 PM.** The Multi-Platinum songwriter/producer has released five studio LPs, claimed the #1 spot on iTunes, topped multiple Billboard charts, made four entries into the Hot 100, and amassed over 2.5 billion global streams. He's performed on numerous late night talk shows, garnered raves from top industry publications, and has an incredible touring history – sharing the road with everyone from John Mayer to NEEDTOBREATHE. Featured Sponsor – Amazon Alexa <https://www.lobero.org/events/mat-kearney/>

Lobero LIVE presents **ZZ Ward – The Dirty Sun Tour, with special guest Angel White, on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 7:30 PM.** When the LA-based singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist began to write new music, she found herself in the midst of one of the biggest life changes a person will ever experience: motherhood. The resulting music is her truest and most blues-infused to date. Freed from the pop pressures of her previous major label, ZZ is able to fully embrace the blues, her most formative influence. Featured Sponsor – Dylan Star. <https://www.lobero.org/events/zz-ward/>

DECEMBER 2024

Lobero LIVE presents **Livingston Taylor and Loudon Wainwright III on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 7:30 PM.** With a successful career spanning over 50 years, Livingston Taylor's repertoire includes 22 albums and popular classics. His range of musical genres include folk, pop, gospel, jazz. GRAMMY® Award-winner Loudon Wainwright III has released 27 albums. His songs have been recorded by Bonnie Raitt, Johnny Cash, and numerous other renowned musicians. Featured Wine Sponsor – SamSara. <https://www.lobero.org/events/wainwright-and-taylor/>

Lobero Ghostlight Society presents **Jane Lynch – A Swingin’ Little Christmas on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 8 PM.** Classic holiday tunes come to life as Jane Lynch, Kate Flannery, Tim Davis, and the Tony Guerrero Quintet take the stage in this hilarious and heartwarming holiday extravaganza. A delightful blend of comedy and music, ensuring a ‘swingin’ good time. The group has brought their joyful banter to audiences across the country, with their holiday album *A Swingin’ Little Christmas* hitting *Billboard’s* Top 10 Adult Contemporary chart. *Hollywood Digest* calls it “captivating,” the comedy “spectacular” and the vibe “absolutely precious.”
<https://www.lobero.org/events/jane-lynch/>

JANUARY 2025

Lobero LIVE presents **Marc Maron: “All In” Tour on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 7:30 PM.** Marc Maron has released five hit stand-up comedy specials throughout his career. His most recent, “From Bleak To Dark,” premiered on HBO February 2023 and received rave reviews. Marc also has an incredible reputation in the podcasting world through his landmark podcast “WTF with Marc Maron.” In addition to having starred in the Netflix series *Glow* and his scripted series, *Maron*, this past year the artist also starred in the critically acclaimed feature film, *To Leslie*. <https://www.lobero.org/events/marc-maron-2024/>

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