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A Life Among Elephants

Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7 PM

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Douglas-Hamilton's story begins in 1965 at Tanzania's Lake Manyara, where he pioneered the study of wild African elephants, discovering their complex social structures and distinct personalities. Alongside his wife Oria and daughters Saba and Dudu, he formed deep connections with elephant families, including the memorable matriarch Boadicea and the gentle mother Virgo. When a devastating poaching crisis emerged in the 1970s, Douglas-Hamilton transformed from researcher to defender.

His pioneering documentation of Africa's elephant population decline – which fell by half between 1979 and 1989 – was instrumental in securing the 1989 global ivory trade ban. When poaching resurged with an estimated 100,000 elephants killed between 2010 and 2012, he again led the charge, using scientific data to advocate for stronger protections, culminating in China's 2018 ivory trade ban. As founder of Save the Elephants in 1993, Douglas-Hamilton's legacy continues through a new generation of researchers dedicated to protecting Africa's most iconic species.

The film screening will be followed by an informative conversation with Save The Elephants CEO Frank Pope, Saba Douglas-Hamilton (Ambassador & Special Projects), and David Daballen (Dir. of Field Operations) – fostering an opportunity for individuals to gain deeper insight into the organization's mission and to learn more about the real-world challenges faced in elephant conservation.

Tickets for [A Life Among Elephants](#) are on sale now at [Lobero.org](https://lobero.org) and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. Premium Seating tickets are \$50 (*Premium ticket includes preferred seating location and an exclusive POST SHOW reception hosted by John Kay in the Lobero Courtyard, with complimentary drinks and light bites, beginning after the film*), Section A tickets are \$20, and FREE for Students w/ valid ID. Reserved seating. *Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero Facility Fee; other fees may also apply.*

UPCOMING LOBERO LIVE EVENTS:

APRIL 2025

Jazz at the Lobero presents **The Derek Douget Band on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 7:30 PM.**

Accomplished saxophonist Derek Douget, who's served as Music Director of the Brubeck Circle Residency since 2018, returns to the Lobero stage with his stellar band of world-renowned jazz musicians – including GRAMMY® Award-winner Victor “Red” Atkins, Trumpet Mafia leader Ashlin Parker, Jason Stewart (Ellis Marsalis Trio), and GRAMMY® Award-winning artist Adonis Rose (Artistic Director of New Orleans Jazz Orchestra).

<https://www.lobero.org/events/derek-douget-2025/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Bruce Cockburn on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 7:30 PM.** For more than 50 years, the Canadian musical legend has been capturing in song the essence of human experience – while fiercely striving to make it better. His guitar playing, both acoustic and electric, has placed him in the company of the world's top instrumentalists. Embracing folk, jazz, rock, and world beat styles, Cockburn's prized songbook will be celebrated for many years to come. <https://www.lobero.org/events/bruce-cockburn-2/>

MAY 2025

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Jazz at the Lobero present **Bill Frisell GOOD DOG featuring Greg Leisz, Tony Scherr & Kenny Wollesen on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 7:30 PM.** *Rolling Stone* says revered guitarist, composer and GRAMMY® winner Bill Frisell “is a genuine guitar hero and a major influence on generations of six-stringers that you worship.” With over 300 recordings (including over 40 of his own), he is recognized as one of America's most vital and productive performing jazz artists. After more than 2 decades, Frisell reunites with some of his closest musical brothers to perform some of the magical pieces from *GOOD DOG*, *HAPPY MAN*.

<https://www.lobero.org/events/bill-frisell-2/>

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **An Evening with The Wallflowers on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 7:30 PM.** The GRAMMY® Award-winning group has held their ground as one of rock's most dynamic and purposeful bands – continually honing a sound that meshes timeless songwriting and storytelling with a hard-hitting and decidedly modern musical attack. <https://www.lobero.org/events/wallflowers-2025/>

Lobero LIVE and Pandaman present **A Special Edition of Behind The Lens – California Dreamin' ... and more! on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 6:52 PM.** This visual feast of photography and stories, as told by iconic music photographer Henry Diltz, will journey far behind the scenes of what the 60s and 70s were all about in this authentic, heart-warming, humorous ride. Special guest Hale Milgrim, former President/CEO of Capitol Records with a 45-plus year history in the music business, opens the show with a new curated edition of his popular *Quips & Clips*. Henry and Hale will close the evening with a Q & A. *There will also be a meet and greet pre-show reception and Henry will be selling and signing photos after the show in front of the theater.

<https://www.lobero.org/events/quips-pix-flix/>

JUNE 2025

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **Mary Chapin Carpenter & Brandy Clark on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 7 PM.** Mary Chapin has sold over 16 million records, won five GRAMMYS®, two CMA Awards, two ACM Awards, and is one of only 15 female members of the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. This tour will feature songs from her entire catalog and new album, set for early summer release. GRAMMY®, CMA, and Americana Award-winner Brandy Clark is one of her generation's most esteemed songwriters and musicians. She also composed the music for the hit musical comedy, *Shucked* – winning Outstanding Music at the 67th Drama Desk Awards. <https://www.lobero.org/events/mary-chapin-carpenter-2/>

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