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## A.J. Croce presents **CROCE PLAYS CROCE**



**Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 7:30 PM**

**at the Lobero Theatre**

Son of legendary singer-songwriter Jim Croce tours playing his father's timeless hits!

*Santa Barbara, CA, May 14, 2025* – A.J. Croce presents **CROCE PLAYS CROCE** on **Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 7:30 PM**. **Croce Plays Croce** starts where the songbook ends, and the story begins by delivering a new chapter in a musical odyssey of father and son to fans of both Croces. The performance will feature the timeless songs of Jim Croce, along with stories of the life and times of the legendary singer-songwriter, told through the eyes of his son. Accompanied by his band, A.J. Croce will bring forth this highly personal special performance of his father's life work, along with songs from his own catalogue.

A piano virtuoso who started playing as a small child and toured with B.B. King at just 18 years old, A.J. has since collaborated and performed with legends and luminaries across a wide expanse of genres (Willie Nelson, Ray Charles, Leon Russell, Allen Toussaint, Neville Brothers, Bela Fleck and Ry Cooder, to name a few), all while building up an acclaimed catalog that blurs the boundaries between blues, soul, rock & roll, Americana, and much more. The Nashville-based singer-songwriter has also co-written songs with such formidable tunesmiths as Leon Russell, Dan Penn, Robert Earl Keen, and multi-GRAMMY® winner Gary Nicholson. From his childhood, piano became something of a lifeline for Croce, who suffered a total loss of eyesight from ages four to 10 and turned to blind pianists like Ray Charles and Stevie Wonder for much-needed comfort and inspiration.

Over the course of an extraordinary career that's found him working with some of the most esteemed producers in music history – including Jack Clement (Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley), Tony Berg (Fiona Apple, Bob Dylan), and Greg Cohen (Tom Waits, John Zorn) – A.J.'s 10 albums have all charted on Top 40, blues, Americana, jazz, college, and Radio 1. He has also landed 22 singles on a variety of Top 20 charts. The multi-faceted artist's songwriting and style have evolved from jazz & blues on his debut and sophomore albums, to the roots-rock of the more recent collaborative recordings like *Cantos* with Ben Harper, *Twelve Tales* with Allen Toussaint, and *Just Like Medicine* with Vince Gill. More recently, A.J.'s widely acclaimed "Croce Plays Croce 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour" honored the memory of his late legendary father as he performed Jim's songs, as well as his own catalog, to packed houses nationwide.

Tickets for **CROCE PLAYS CROCE** are on sale now at [Lobero.org](http://Lobero.org) and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. Section A & B tickets are \$143.50, Section C tickets are \$93.50, and Section D tickets are \$73.50, and Section E tickets are \$63.50. Reserved seating. *Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero **Facility Fee**. (Tickets purchased online or by phone are subject to a **web/phone order fee** of \$3.00 per ticket. To avoid this fee, tickets can be purchased in person at the box office.)*

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<https://www.lobero.org/events/a-j-croce/>

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