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Lobero LIVE presents

## Matteo Mancuso

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 7:30 PM**

“Matteo’s breathtaking technique is a marvel to behold. He’s the evidence that the evolving spirit of guitar players is firmly intact.” – *Steve Vai*

*Santa Barbara, CA, December 23, 2025* – Lobero LIVE presents guitar virtuoso **Matteo Mancuso** on **Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 7:30 PM**. Celebrated worldwide for his astonishing clarity, precision, and genre-defying versatility, Mancuso has rapidly emerged as one of the most exciting voices in contemporary guitar. Known for his distinctive fingerstyle technique — eschewing the traditional pick — his performances have captivated millions of viewers online and earned widespread acclaim from music enthusiasts across the globe.

Raised in the province of Palermo, Italy, Matteo was immersed in music from an early age under the guidance of his father, Vincenzo Mancuso, a respected guitarist and producer. A prodigy, Matteo began performing at jazz festivals by age 11 and later expanded his musical scope from Django Reinhardt to modern jazz. His formal training included classical guitar studies at a music high school, followed by the founding of the Snips trio, whose innovative fusion approach gained international attention through viral performances such as “The Chicken.” His exceptional talent earned him a scholarship to Berklee College of Music after a standout appearance at the Umbria Jazz Festival, launching an international career that included major festivals, masterclasses, and collaborations with Yamaha Guitars.

In recent years, Mancuso’s momentum has continued to build with extensive touring, high-profile collaborations, and the release of his debut solo album, *The Journey*, in 2023. The album reflects his wide-ranging influences and artistic evolution, celebrating the genres and mentors that shaped his sound. Praised by legendary musicians including Steve Vai, Al Di Meola, Joe Bonamassa, and Dweezil Zappa — who have dubbed him the “evolution of fusion guitar” — Mancuso now brings his remarkable artistry to the Lobero stage for an unforgettable evening of music.

Tickets for **Matteo Mancuso** are on sale now at [Lobero.org](https://www.lobero.org) and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. \$75 - 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*), \$40 - Section A, \$30 - Section B. (*Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero Facility Fee; other fees may also apply.*)

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## UP NEXT FROM LOBERO LIVE:

### JANUARY 2026

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation presents **Billy F Gibbons and the BFG Band on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** Billy F Gibbons is widely regarded as one of the world's finest guitarists working in the blues-rock idiom. His band features BFG, best known as the centerpiece of ZZ Top, the band's cornerstone backbeat Chris "Whipper" Layton on drums, and the shining light of the Texas Blues scene Mike "The Drifter" Flanigin on the Hammond B3 organ.

<https://www.lobero.org/events/billy-gibbons/>

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Poncho Sanchez and his Latin Jazz Band on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** The GRAMMY® Award-winning bandleader, conguero, and percussionist is among the most influential percussionists in jazz, who's stirred up a fiery stew of straightahead jazz, gritty soul music, and infectious melodies and rhythms for more than four decades. A Brubeck Circle show.

<https://www.lobero.org/events/poncho-sanchez-2026/>

### FEBRUARY 2026

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **Don McLean on Friday, February 6, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** Known as the "American Troubadour," singer-songwriter Don McLean achieved international fame with hits like "American Pie," "Vincent," and "Castles in the Air." He received the BBC Lifetime Achievement Award, was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, and has released more than 20 studio albums since his debut in 1970. <https://www.lobero.org/events/don-mclean/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Nick Offerman: Big Woodchuck An Evening of Comedy with Woodworking and Bookish Mirth on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** Offerman, even more hirsute than last time, is back to remind the fans of sawdust what a living, breathing mammal, unsullied by AI, looks like. With songs and notions inspired by his newest book, *Little Woodchucks*, Nick – with support from woodworker and co-author Lee Buchanan – might just inspire you to get busy making things with your own hands, which is guaranteed to get you kissed. Especially if what you make is sausage rolls. "Canoes are sexy AF, especially when you make 'em out of wood." – Nina Simone, probably.

<https://www.lobero.org/events/nick-offerman/>

Lobero LIVE presents **The Wailin' Jennys on Thurs, February 12, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** Nicky Mehta, Ruth Moody and Heather Masse — three distinct voices that together make an achingly perfect vocal sound. The group has grown over the years into one of today's most beloved international folk acts. Together, they continue to create some of the most exciting music on the folk-roots scene, stepping up their musical game with each critically lauded recording, and thrilling audiences with their renowned live performances. <https://www.lobero.org/events/the-wailin-jennys-2/>

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS presents **Suzanne Vega - Flying with Angels on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** Vega will perform a career-spanning show including favorites like "Tom's Diner," "Luka,"

“Marlene on the Wall,” and many more, plus songs from her latest album, *Flying with Angels*, which was released in May 2025 to critical acclaim. She will be joined on stage by her longtime guitarist, Gerry Leonard (of David Bowie fame), and cellist Stephanie Winters. A Brubeck Circle show.

<https://www.lobero.org/events/suzanne-vega-2/>

Lobero LIVE presents **An Evening with Leo Kottke on Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 7 PM.** The famed solo acoustic guitarist is known for a fingerpicking style that draws on blues, jazz, and folk music, and for syncopated, polyphonic melodies. Now 80-years-young, Kottke has recorded over 30 albums that showcase his barnstorming fretwork and quirky songwriting. <https://www.lobero.org/events/leo-kottke-3/>

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Preservation Hall Jazz Band on Thursday, February 19, 2025.** The Crescent City has been the point at which sounds and cultures from around the world converge, mingle, and resurface. PHJB, which has held the torch of New Orleans music aloft for more than 60 years, continues to preserve its vibrant living history while carrying it enthusiastically forward. A Brubeck Circle show. <https://www.lobero.org/events/preservation-hall-jazz-band-3/>

## MARCH 2026

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Madeleine Peyroux, with special guest Jon Muq, on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** Madeleine is the proud curator of nine beguiling albums and countless accolades. With her delicately sultry compositions and renditions, the accomplished songstress has earned her spot amongst jazz/blues divas such as Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald. A Brubeck Circle show. <https://www.lobero.org/events/madeleine-peyroux-2/>

Lobero LIVE presents **An Evening with Steep Canyon Rangers on Friday, March 6, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** The three-time GRAMMY® nominees have released 14 studio albums, three collaborative albums with actor and banjoist Steve Martin, been inducted into the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame, and appeared on some of music’s biggest stages. With the band’s last few albums, they have gained recognition from well beyond the world of bluegrass, earning a reputation as some of the most influential songwriters in Americana today. A Brubeck Circle show. <https://www.lobero.org/events/steep-canyon-rangers/>

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **Booker T. Jones on Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** Best known as the frontman of the band Booker T. & the M.G.’s, Jones is a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, Musicians Hall of Fame inductee, GRAMMY® Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, and arguably the most famous Hammond B3 player in history. <https://www.lobero.org/events/booker-t-jones/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Keb’ Mo’, on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** With five GRAMMYS®, 14 Blues Foundation Awards, and a groundbreaking career spanning nearly 50 years under his belt, Keb’ Mo’ stands as one of the most accomplished and respected artists working in contemporary roots music today. The artist has topped the *Billboard* Blues Chart seven times, performed everywhere from Carnegie Hall to The White House, collaborated with music luminaries, earned the Americana Music Association’s 2021 Award for Lifetime Achievement in Performance, and so much more. A Brubeck Circle show. <https://www.lobero.org/events/keb-mo-2026/>

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