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An Evening with Leo Kottke

Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 7 PM

“Whoever your favorite guitarist might be, and I am thinking only of the greats — Chet Atkins, Merle Travis and Doc Watson — they wouldn’t want to be in the same room with Kottke, which is probably why he plays solo.”

— *FolkWorks*

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The artist overcame a series of personal obstacles, including partial loss of hearing, to emerge as a widely recognized guitar guru. When he picks up a steel-stringed guitar, his fingers race across the strings with uncommon speed, developing a deep, churning groove that can at times sound like several people playing at once. In concert, playing his six and 12-stringed guitars for appreciative audiences across the globe, he intersperses humorous and often bizarre monologues with vocal and instrumental selections from throughout his career.

Tickets for **An Evening with Leo Kottke** are now on sale now at Lobero.org and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. \$112 - 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.*) \$55 - Section A, \$45 - 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/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Matteo Mancuso on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** Mancuso's unique guitar technique has caused astonishment with its clarity and precision, as has his capacity to traverse different musical genres with total ease. While he may not use a guitar pick, Matteo's music has certainly picked up the attention of music enthusiasts worldwide, garnering millions of views on YouTube. <https://www.lobero.org/events/matteo-mancuso/>

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/>

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/>

APRIL 2026

Lobero LIVE presents **Donavon Frankenreiter – Ask Me Anything Tour** on **Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 7:30 PM**. This seated interactive concert experience features Donovon's unique blend of laid-back grooves, philosophical lyrics and soulful delivery – plus stories he's never told before, the opportunity to ask questions, come up on stage to jam, request songs, and more. <https://www.lobero.org/events/donavon-frankenreiter/>

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **Richard Thompson with Zara Phillips, on Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** The pioneering British Folk-Rock musician's genre defying mastery of both acoustic and electric guitar, along with engaging energy and onstage wit, continue to earn him new fans and a place as one of the most distinctive virtuosos and writers in Folk Rock history. He'll be touring with his wife, Zara Phillips, a singer/songwriter, actor, author, and activist. <https://www.lobero.org/events/richard-thompson-3/>

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Gerald Clayton Trio on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** The six-time GRAMMY®-nominated pianist, composer, and band leader earned recent Recording Academy recognition for *Happening: Live at the Village Vanguard*, his debut release on Blue Note Records. Collaborating over the years with numerous distinctive artists, Clayton currently serves as Director of Next Generation Jazz Orchestra, following service as Musical Director for Monterey Jazz Festival On Tour. A Brubeck Circle show.

<https://www.lobero.org/events/gerald-clayton-trio/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Nerf Herder – 30 Years of Golfshirt, with special guests SUMMERCAMP and Ridel High on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 7 PM.** The band celebrates the 30th anniversary of their breakout album, *Nerf Herder*, rocking all tracks – plus, beloved fan favorites from their multi-album catalog. SUMMERCAMP and Ridel High will be on hand to rep the remarkable cohort of musicians from Santa Barbara's vibrant '90s music scene. Culinary Sponsor: El Zarape. <https://www.lobero.org/events/nerf-herder/>

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