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EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present

Booker T. Jones

Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Santa Barbara, CA, February 25, 2026 – EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **Booker T. Jones on Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 7:30 PM**. Jones is an American multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, record producer, and arranger. Best known as the frontman of the legendary band Booker T. & the MGs, he has worked with countless award-winning artists of the 20th and 21st centuries. The iconic artist 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.

“Booker T. Jones is one of the legends of soul music.” — *The New Yorker*

As leader of Booker T. & the MGs, this pillar of soul music collaborated with Otis Redding, Albert King, Eddie Floyd and Sam and Dave during his tenure at the renowned Stax Records label. It can be argued that it was Jones who set the cast for modern soul music and is largely responsible for its rise and enduring popularity. He pushed the music’s boundaries with his hits on Stax, refined it to its essence, and then injected it into the nation’s bloodstream. Outside of the band, Jones made the charts as a solo artist and produced albums for Rita Coolidge, Bill Withers, Willie Nelson's *Stardust* and more, and lent his trademark keyboards to many artists ranging in genre from Ray Charles to Neil Young.

In addition, Booker won GRAMMY® Awards for Best Pop Instrumental Album for his 2009 solo album *Potato Hole*, which features guests Neil Young and Drive-By Truckers, and his 2011 solo release *The Road From Memphis*, where he is backed by the hip hop band The Roots. Later, in 2013, Booker released *Sound The Alarm*, marking a return to Stax Records after 30 years. In 2019, Booker released his iconic memoir *Time is Tight: My Life, Note by Note* on Little, Brown and Company, along with an accompanying record titled *Note by Note*. He continues to record and tour internationally, both as a solo artist and as head of the Booker T's Stax Revue.

Tickets for **Booker T. Jones** are on sale now at Lobero.org and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. \$115 - 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, \$50 - Section B. (*Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero Facility Fee; other fees may also apply.*)

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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UP NEXT FROM LOBERO LIVE:

MARCH 2026

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Madeleine Peyroux, with special guest Jon Muq, on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 7:30 PM**. Marking the 10th Anniversary of *Secular Hymns*' release, the *WE ARE AMERICA* Tour reunites the singular artist with her longtime collaborators, bassist **Barak Mori** and guitarist **Jon Herington**. The intimate ensemble will set the scene for Peyroux to uplift audiences with a captivating mix of originals and covers, old and new, but entirely American. Revel in the veteran artist's personal journey, as well as that of the world at large. 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/>

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 Donovan'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/>

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/>

MAY 2026

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Pat Metheny Side-Eye III + on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 7:30 PM**. Pat Metheny continues the evolution of Side-Eye with a new tour featuring new music. Side-Eye III+ features Chris Fishman on piano/keyboards, Joe Dyson on drums, and Jermaine Paul on bass. With 20 GRAMMY® wins, Metheny has the second-most GRAMMY® wins out of all jazz artists to date, revered for expanding the palette of the guitar and reshaping the genre for the modern era. Created to elevate young musicians and offer the mentorship he once received, his Side-Eye project features a handpicked rotating cast of today's most exciting players. A Brubeck Circle show. <https://www.lobero.org/events/pat-metheny-2026/>

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **Jim Messina on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7:30 PM**. An undisputed expert in the fine art of making hit music, Jim Messina's legacy of musical genius spans five decades, three super groups, a vibrant solo career and scores of producing and engineering credits. The show highlights Messina's musical career over the decades, including Buffalo Springfield, Poco, and Loggins & Messina. <https://www.lobero.org/events/jim-messina-2/>

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Lizz Wright on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 7:30 PM**. Acclaimed vocalist and songwriter Lizz Wright is one of the great modern American singers, with an illustrious 20-year career transcending social divides. Through an inimitable voice that *The New York Times* touts as, "a smooth, dark alto possessed of qualities you might associate with barrel-aged bourbon or butter-soft leather," she sings with a soaring reflection of the cultural fabric of America. A Brubeck Circle show. <https://www.lobero.org/events/lizz-wright/>

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Gerald Clayton Trio on Thursday, May 28, 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/>

JUNE 2026

Lobero LIVE presents **Sam Grisman Project on Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 7:30 PM**. The band is an ever-evolving acoustic collective inspired by the timeless music Sam grew up with – where his father David Grisman and close

legendary music collaborators like Jerry Garcia created recordings defined by deep friendship, joy, and musical curiosity. <https://www.lobero.org/events/sam-grisman-2026/>

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **Christopher Cross on Friday, June 5, 2026 at 7:30 PM**. In a career spanning more than four decades, Cross has sold over 10 million albums, garnered five GRAMMYS, an Oscar, a Golden Globe, an Emmy nomination and five Top 10 singles. He'll be performing the carefully crafted songs and music his fans enjoy, starting with his GRAMMY®-winning debut album and continuing through the decades of his ever-changing but always excellent material. <https://www.lobero.org/events/christopher-cross-2026/>

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Branford Marsalis Belonging Tour on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 7:30 PM**. This celebrated ensemble has been revered for its uncompromising interpretation of a kaleidoscopic range of both original compositions and jazz and popular classics. After receiving GRAMMY® nominations on their last two albums, the Quartet made their Blue Note Records debut with the release of *Belonging*, a full album interpretation of Keith Jarrett's 1974 ECM album of the same name. A Brubeck Circle show. <https://www.lobero.org/events/branford-marsalis/>

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