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Richard Thompson's musical influence cannot be overstated. Having co-founded the groundbreaking group Fairport Convention as a teenager in the '60s, he and his bandmates invented the distinctive strain of British Folk Rock. Thompson, who has spent over 30 years as a highly successful solo artist, received an OBE (Order of the British Empire), has been hailed by the *Los Angeles Times* as "the finest rock songwriter after Dylan and the best electric guitarist since Hendrix," and *Rolling Stone* has named him one of the Top 100 Guitarists of All Time. The artist has received Lifetime Achievement Awards for songwriting from the BBC Radio 2 Awards, the Americana Music Association, and was awarded the prestigious Ivor Novello Award.

A wide range of musicians have recorded Thompson's songs including Robert Plant, Elvis Costello, R.E.M., Sleater-Kinney, Del McCoury, Bonnie Raitt, Tom Jones, David Byrne, Don Henley, Los Lobos, and many more. His massive body of work includes many GRAMMY® nominated albums as well as numerous soundtracks. In May of 2024, Thompson released the much-anticipated *Ship To Shore*, his first studio album in six years.

Zara Phillips is a singer/songwriter, actor, author, and activist. Raised in Totteridge, North London, she was always singing and writing as a child – which led to her becoming a harmony singer in the '80s, with acts like Bob Geldof, Matt Bianco, David Essex, and Nick Kamen. As an adoptee herself, much of her work is centered around the adoption world and is focused on improving understanding the lifelong impact of adoption. She is a mother of three and tours with her husband, musician Richard Thompson, dividing her time between London and New Jersey.

Tickets for **Richard Thompson with Zara Phillips** are on sale now at [Lobero.org](https://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, \$55 - 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:

MARCH 2026

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 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/>

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.

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