



# JAZZ AT THE LOBERO

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Jazz at the Lobero presents

## Lizz Wright

Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 7:30 PM

*Santa Barbara, CA, April 15, 2026* – Jazz at the Lobero presents **Lizz Wright on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** 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,” acclaimed vocalist and songwriter Lizz Wright sings with a soaring reflection of the cultural fabric of America. With an illustrious 20-year career transcending social divides, Wright continues to captivate audiences worldwide.

Raised in Georgia, the artist’s earliest influences came from gospel traditions and congregational call-and-response—foundations that would later inform her interpretations of the Great American Songbook and beyond. Wright first gained national recognition at age 22 performing in a touring tribute to Billie Holiday, soon leading to her signing with Verve Records and the release of her 2003 debut album *Salt*, which topped *Billboard’s* contemporary jazz charts. Her subsequent releases solidified her reputation as a singular artistic voice. Later projects such as *Freedom & Surrender* (2016), whose single “Lean In” was featured on Barack Obama’s Summer 2016 playlist, and *Grace* (2017), further showcased her depth and versatility.

In 2022, Wright launched her independent label, Blues & Greens Records, debuting with the live album *Holding Space* and marking a new chapter of artistic and business autonomy. In 2024, she released her highly anticipated studio album *Shadow*, produced by Chris Bruce, featuring collaborations with Angélique Kidjo and Meshell Ndegeocello. Blending acoustic textures, global influences, and emotional depth, *Shadow* explores themes of love, loss, community, and healing—offering a powerful testament to Wright’s continued evolution as an artist and her enduring impact on contemporary music.

Tickets for [Lizz Wright](#) are on sale now at [Lobero.org](https://lobero.org) and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. A Brubeck Circle show. \$100 - 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:

#### APRIL 2026

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. <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. This is contemporary jazz at its finest — innovative, accessible and absolutely unmissable for both longtime fans and newcomers to Metheny’s musical world. 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/>

#### 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/>

Lobero LIVE presents **John C. Reilly is Mister Romantic on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 7 PM**. Prepare to be captivated by the incomparable John C. Reilly in *Mister Romantic*, a vaudeville show that has already garnered critical acclaim and captured the public's imagination. Backed by a cracker jack band of multi-GRAMMY® winners David Garza, Charles De Castro, David Piltch and Gabe Witcher. *Mister Romantic* asks you to open your heart to the love all around you and marks a new chapter in Reilly's acclaimed career. <https://www.lobero.org/events/john-c-reilly/>

Jazz at the Lobero presents the **Branford Marsalis Quartet: 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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