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Jazz at the Lobero presents

Julian Lage Quartet

featuring John Medeski, Jorge Roeder and Kenny Wolleson

Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Santa Barbara, CA, September 23, 2026 – Jazz at the Lobero presents **Julian Lage Quartet featuring John Medeski, Jorge Roeder and Kenny Wolleson on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 7:30 PM**. Acclaimed guitarist, composer and bandleader Julian Lage brings together four extraordinary musicians for an evening of adventurous, deeply interactive jazz. In the waning days of 2024, Lage began what he calls a writing sprint. As he thought about their qualities as players and hypothesized about how they might interact, he set a timer for 20 minutes, wrote a tune, recorded it once, and then began again. The quartet's chemistry comes to life on *Scenes from Above*, Lage's first album with this lineup and his second full-length collaboration with producer Joe Henry.

The artist has long been prolific: In the three decades since the documentary *Jules at Eight* identified him as a prodigy, Lage has made a dozen records with his own bands and duos, and three times that many with leading lights of his artistic orbit, like John Zorn, Gary Burton, and Charles Lloyd. But Lage was preparing for a four-day residency at SFJAZZ, plus the premiere of a new quartet of old collaborators and friends who had strangely never recorded together: Lage with steadfast bassist Jorge Roeder, dynamic drummer Kenny Wolleson, and vaunted keyboardist John Medeski.

Inspired in part by Lage's exploration of folkloric music—from Susana Baca and early calypso to American blues and Béla Bartók—the nine-track album *Scenes from Above* is built around spontaneity, texture and conversation. Rather than simply serving as a vehicle for the guitarist, the music gives all four players equal space to listen, respond and shape each piece in real time. The result is an open, richly textured sound that can move from quiet intimacy to simmering grooves, with every musician contributing to the evolving conversation.

Singer, composer, and artist from Oaxaca, Mexico **Laura Itandehui** opens the show. Itandehui has emerged as one of the most authentic and forward-thinking voices in contemporary Latin music. Her work is rooted in a deep musical exploration that blends jazz, vocal improvisation, and Latin American popular rhythms, shaped by a poetic, luminous, and distinctly personal sensibility.

Tickets for **Julian Lage Quartet featuring John Medeski, Jorge Roeder and Kenny Wolleson** are on sale now at Lobero.org and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. Premium Seating – \$100 (*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), Section A – \$75, Section B – \$50. A Brubeck Circle show. (Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero Facility Fee; other fees may also apply.)

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UP NEXT FROM LOBERO LIVE:

SEPTEMBER 2026

Lobero LIVE presents **Judy Collins - Sweet Judy Blue Eyes: Farewell Tour on Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 7 PM**. Having thrived in the music industry for half a century, Collins bids adieu to the road with an expansive final run that follows a remarkable recent chapter: six new albums released since 2015, the artistic renaissance of *Spellbound*, and her 2025 poetry collection. Enjoy one last chance to experience the icon singer-songwriter's timeless voice and storytelling live. Oakland Rain opens the show. <https://www.lobero.org/events/judy-collins-the-farewell-tour/>

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **Marty Stewart and his Fabulous Superlatives on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 7:30 PM**. Experience an unforgettable evening where country tradition meets cosmic California cool. A five-time GRAMMY® winner, Country Music Hall of Famer, and one of country music's most influential storytellers, Stuart brings more than 50 years of

musical mastery to the stage, joined by the dazzling musicianship of Kenny Vaughan, Harry Stinson, and Chris Scruggs. <https://www.lobero.org/events/marty-stuart/>

OCTOBER 2026

Lobero LIVE presents **Rickie Lee Jones on Sunday October 4, 2026 at 7 PM.** The American musician, storyteller, two-time GRAMMY® winner and eight-time nominee has been inspiring pop culture for decades, beginning with her star-making self-titled debut and the seminal *Pirates*. Named the “premiere song-stylist and songwriter of her generation” by *The New Yorker* and “The Duchess of Coolsville” by *Time* magazine, Jones released her GRAMMY® nominated album *Pieces of Treasure* in 2023. <https://www.lobero.org/events/rickie-lee-jones-2/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Toad the Wet Sprocket *Rings: The Acoustic Tour* with Willy Porter on Tuesday, October 6 and Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** Few bands have earned the kind of devotion Toad the Wet Sprocket inspires. Don’t miss this intimate, once-in-a-lifetime fan event celebrating four decades of songs that trace the band’s musical journey with grace, depth, and hope. Featured Sponsors: Katie DeWitt 10/6 & Boone Graphics 10/7. <https://www.lobero.org/events/toad-the-wet-sprocket-2026/>

Lobero LIVE presents **AJ Lee and Blue Summit, with special guest Salty Strings, on Friday, October 9, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** The award-winning, energetic band—made up of AJ Lee on mandolin, fiddler Jan Purat, Sullivan Tuttle on guitar, and Sean Newman on bass—has been quickly rising on the national roots music scene. After almost a decade on the road, they’ve established themselves as one of the most exciting and dynamic groups in Bluegrass. <https://www.lobero.org/events/aj-lee/>

Lobero LIVE and Terry Hill present **Milt Larsen’s *It’s Magic!* on Sunday October 11, 2026 (2 shows) at 2 PM & 6:30 PM.** The country’s longest running magic and variety review is now celebrating its 70th anniversary! A dazzling all new revue featuring award-winning magicians, *It’s Magic!* brings to the stage the finest stars of magic, comedy, sleight of hand, and stage illusions. Featuring David Zirbell & Co, Christopher Hart, Ron Saylor & Co, Ice McDonald, and Tina Lenert. Sponsored by ParSonics Studios in association with Barbara White Design. <https://www.lobero.org/events/its-magic-2026/>

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **The Wallflowers – 30th Anniversary Tour for Bringing Down the Horse on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** The band’s classic album was a critical and commercial triumph. Having peaked at number four on the Billboard 200, it was certified quadruple platinum, cementing their place in ‘90s rock history. They’ll be playing the album in its entirety, in sequence, as well as paying tribute to the 50th Anniversary of Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers’ by playing Petty’s 1982 album *Long After Dark*. *Ragged Glory* opens the show. <https://www.lobero.org/events/wallflowers2026/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Ingrid Michaelson’s Cozy Fall Trio Tour, featuring Allie Moss & Hannah Winkler, on Friday, October 16, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** The GRAMMY® and Emmy nominated singer-songwriter/composer is a force in the music industry, known for her distinctively soulful folk-pop style. Her music is released on the label she founded, Cabin 24 Records, including her latest studio album *For the Dreamers*, as well as her gold and platinum hits, “The Way I Am,” “Girls Chase Boys,” and “You and I.” <https://www.lobero.org/events/ingrid-michaelson/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Sarah Jarosz: 10 Years of Undercurrent, with special guest Sean Watkins, on October 21, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** The six-time GRAMMY® Award winning singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist has released seven solo albums and two albums with I’m With Her, her band with Sara Watkins and Aoife O’Donovan. In addition to her multiple GRAMMY®, Americana Music Association, and Folk Alliance awards, her work has received widespread critical praise from publications including *Rolling Stone*, *The*

New York Times, and *USA Today*. Featured Sponsor: *Noozhawk*. <https://www.lobero.org/events/sarah-jarosz-4/>

Lobero Theatre Foundation presents A Beyond The Stage Campaign Event – **Melissa Etheridge: *RISE* on Friday, October 23, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** The Academy Award and GRAMMY® Award-winning artist will be performing stripped-down versions of her greatest hits on guitar, harmonica, and piano – allowing her vocal power and storytelling to take center stage. Celebrating the release of her 17th album *Rise* on Sun Records, she will also include many of her new songs during this very special performance. <https://www.lobero.org/events/melissa-etheridge/>

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