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Lobero Theatre Foundation presents

Melissa Etheridge: *The Rise Tour*

Friday, October 23, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Santa Barbara, CA, September 24, 2026 – Lobero Theatre Foundation presents **Melissa Etheridge: *The Rise Tour* 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.

Co-produced by Etheridge and Shooter Jennings (whose production credits include Brandi Carlisle, Tanya Tucker, Charlie Crockett and, of course, his father Waylon Jennings) and featuring her sharp band of guitarist and keyboard player Max Hart, drummer Eric Gardner and bassist Erik Kertes, *Rise* soars as an intimate and richly realized collection. The album moves between celebratory rockers, playful honky-tonk and deeply personal songs about love, family, loss, resilience, and gratitude. Featuring collaborations with Chris Stapleton, *Rise* captures Etheridge reflecting on the experiences that have shaped her while embracing the strength, hope, and joy of moving forward.

Rise marks a powerful new chapter for Etheridge, who has spent the years since her 2019 album *The Medicine Show* exploring new creative territory. During that time, she launched Etheridge TV, wrote her memoir *Talking to My Angels*, triumphed on Broadway with her one-woman show *Melissa Etheridge: My Window*, and continued her advocacy and philanthropic work through the Etheridge Foundation. Now, with *Rise*, she returns to the road with a deeply personal collection of songs and a renewed sense of gratitude, bringing audiences an unforgettable evening of music, stories, and the enduring spirit of one of rock's most distinctive voices.

Tickets for **Melissa Etheridge: *The Rise Tour*** are on sale now at Lobero.org and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. Etheridge On Tour VIP Merch Bundle – \$287, Section A – \$137, Section B – \$102. (*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-stewart/>

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 Wednesday, 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/>

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Julian Lage Quartet feat. John Medeski, Jorge Roeder, Kenny Wollesen on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** In late 2024, prolific guitarist Julian Lage embarked on an intense writing sprint that led to *Scenes from Above*, a new project forged for a special quartet featuring bassist Jorge Roeder, drummer Kenny Wollesen, and keyboardist John Medeski — close collaborators who had never before recorded together. The music emphasizes interaction, restraint, and real-time discovery over virtuoso display. A Brubeck Circle show. <https://www.lobero.org/events/julian-lage/>

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