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Lobero LIVE presents

Toad the Wet Sprocket – Rings: The Acoustic Tour with Willy Porter

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 7:30 PM
Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 7:30 PM

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Santa Barbara, CA, September 14, 2026 – 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.** Celebrating their 40th anniversary in 2026, Toad the Wet Sprocket is embarking on its first-ever all-acoustic tour, inspired by the powerful response to the acoustic portions of their live shows. The tour follows the release of *Rings: The Acoustic Sessions*, a 14-track collection that reimagines some of the band's most enduring songs through intimate acoustic arrangements. Rather than simply stripping the songs down, the band rebuilt them from the ground up, discovering new textures, guitar parts and solos along the way. Like the rings of a tree marking each season of growth, the album traces the band's musical journey—and our own—with warmth, honesty and hope.

Formed in Santa Barbara in 1986 by four friends—Glen Phillips, Todd Nichols, Dean Dinning and Randy Guss—Toad the Wet Sprocket has spent four decades creating songs that have become deeply woven into the soundtrack of a generation. From their DIY debut *Bread & Circus*, recorded for just \$600 in a tract home, to platinum albums *Fear* and *Dulcinea* and beloved songs including “All I Want,” “Walk on the Ocean,” “Fall Down,” and “Windmills,” the band has built a devoted following with music that reaches toward the light, even in the shadows. Their songs have also appeared in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Dawson’s Creek*, *Empire Records* and the platinum-selling *Friends* soundtrack.

Rings: The Acoustic Tour offers a rare opportunity to experience Toad the Wet Sprocket in an especially intimate setting, bringing fans closer to the songs that have defined four decades of music and memories. Critics have praised the new recordings, with *Ink 19* noting that Glen Phillips’ vocals remain “as warm and true today” as ever, while *Glide Magazine* applauds the band for revealing the enduring strength of songs that continue to thrive in new arrangements. For Phillips, the connection between music and audience remains at the heart of every performance: “We want people who come to our shows to feel at home for a while.” After 40 years, *Rings* is more than a look back—it’s a living celebration of songs that continue to grow, resonate and bring people together.

Opener Willy Porter continues on a musical odyssey spanning over two decades, 14 albums, and multiple continents. He recently released his latest full-length album, *Humans in a Room*, in the fall of 2025. His journey has been defined by an inquisitive love for humanity and the language that describes what we all hold to be true. Porter’s songs weave a universal perspective about the questions, struggles, and triumphs

of human existence. His live shows are guitar-driven grit, soul, silence and muscle—at times electrifying, dynamic, and unique in the way that Porter’s voice blends and fuses with his fret work.

Tickets for Toad the Wet Sprocket: *Rings: The Acoustic Tour*, with Willy Porter, are on sale now at [Lobero.org](https://www.lobero.org) and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. \$256–VIP Soundcheck Package, \$132–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*), \$82 – Section A (*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 **Cowboy Junkies - Celebrating 40 Years and Beyond Tour on Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 7 PM**. The band will be performing a career-spanning show from *The Trinity Session* to their recent album, *Such Ferocious Beauty*! “One of the most unique and enduring bands in alternative rock.”

– *All Music*. Culinary Sponsor: 'Que by Whiskey 'N Rye. <https://www.lobero.org/events/cowboy-junkies-2/>

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 **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 Parsons 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*. <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/>

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Julian Lage Quartet feat. John Medeski, Jorge Roeder, Kenny Wollesen on Thursday, October 22, 2026.** 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/>

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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