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Lobero LIVE presents

AJ Lee and Blue Summit

with special guest Salty Strings

Friday, October 9, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Santa Barbara, CA, September 16, 2026 – Lobero LIVE presents **AJ Lee and Blue Summit, with special guest Salty Strings, on Friday, October 9, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** Award-winning, energetic, and technically dazzling, the band has quickly become one of the most exciting forces on the national roots music scene. Originally from Santa Cruz, California, the group met as teenagers, picking and jamming together at local bluegrass festivals before deciding to become a band. Nearly a decade of touring later, AJ Lee & Blue Summit have built a devoted following with their infectious musicianship, youthful spirit, and dynamic approach to bluegrass.

The band features AJ Lee on mandolin, Jan Purat on fiddle, Sullivan Tuttle on guitar, and Sean Newman on bass. They still bring the spontaneous energy of a festival parking lot to every performance, balanced by the ease and confidence of seasoned musicians. Their critically acclaimed third studio album, *City of Glass*, was released by Signature Sounds in 2024, followed in 2025 by *Cover to Cover V.1*, a collection exploring the wide-ranging musical influences that have shaped their distinctive sound. The release features guest appearances from artists including Lindsay Lou, Trey Hensley, Ahn Phung, Kyle Tuttle, and Molly Tuttle.

From Gillian Welch's "Tear My Stillhouse Down" to a bluegrass-infused take on New Riders of the Purple Sage's "Glendale Train," *Cover to Cover V.1* showcases the band's deep roots and adventurous musical spirit. Their repertoire moves effortlessly from bluegrass and country to early jazz and beyond, always delivered with virtuosic playing and an unmistakable sense of fun. AJ Lee & Blue Summit have created a sound that feels both deeply rooted and refreshingly alive—playing songs that will surely be held onto and cherished forever.

Coming out of the coastal mountain town of Santa Barbara, CA, **Salty Strings** is a 5-piece string band setting out to transcend the boundaries of traditional bluegrass music. Sprinkling in notes of Latin and reggae, this untraditional band puts on an engaging live performance filled with fast-picking originals and old-timey favorites. You can often find them playing their instruments along a coastal bluff as the sun is setting, their strings ever so salty.

Tickets for **AJ Lee and Blue Summit, with special guest Salty Strings**, are on sale now at [Lobero.org](https://lobero.org) and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. \$75 – 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), \$40 – Section A, \$30 – Section B. 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 **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 **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 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 Studio 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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