



JAZZ AT THE LOBERO

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Charles Lloyd Quartet

featuring Bill Frisell, Larry Grenadier, and Kweku Sumbry

Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Santa Barbara, CA, October 12, 2026 – Jazz at the Lobero presents **Charles Lloyd Quartet featuring Bill Frisell, Larry Grenadier, and Kweku Sumbry on Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 7:30 PM**. This remarkable ensemble promises an evening of expansive, deeply expressive jazz, where masterful artistry meets youthful energy and spontaneous musical discovery. Lloyd and jazz guitar giant Frisell first joined forces in 2013 for a special project in Montreal. Their connection was immediate and the joy of making music together has endured. Over the years that followed, Bill has toured and recorded with Charles in various formations; duo, trio, quartet and quintet. Their award-winning recordings together include *I Long to See You*, *Tone Poem*, and *Chapel Trio* on Blue Note Records. For his 21st return to the Lobero, Charles has assembled a dream quartet; along with Bill are renowned bassist, Larry Grenadier and the rising young star on drums, Kweku Sumbry.

A towering figure in modern jazz, Lloyd's accolades span generations. First named *DownBeat* magazine's Artist of the Year in 1967, he received the distinction again in 2023. In 2024, he achieved the rare *DownBeat* Critics Poll quadruple crown, earning Hall of Fame, Artist of the Year, Album of the Year, and Tenor Saxophonist of the Year honors—a feat previously accomplished only by John Coltrane. An NEA Jazz Master, Memphis Music Hall of Fame inductee, and recipient of France's Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, Lloyd continues to create music of profound spiritual depth and transcendent beauty. His acclaimed Blue Note album *The Sky Will Still Be There Tomorrow* won the Netherlands' prestigious Edison Award for Best International Jazz Recording of 2024, further cementing his place among the most influential artists of his generation.

Rooted in the gospel and blues traditions of his native Memphis, Lloyd's singular sound has captivated audiences far beyond the jazz world, inspiring musicians from the Beach Boys and Grateful Dead to Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin. His 2025 double album, *Figure In Blue*, featuring pianist Jason Moran and guitarist Marvin Sewell, journeys through soulful ballads, raw Delta blues, and heartfelt tributes to Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday, and longtime collaborator Zakir Hussain. His 2026 release, *Sangam & Friends*, further celebrates his profound musical connection with the late tabla master. With a career defined by fearless exploration, extraordinary collaborations, and an enduring spirit of discovery, Lloyd remains, in Carlos Santana's words, "an international music treasure." His return to the Lobero offers audiences a rare opportunity to experience four distinctive musical voices in conversation on one stage.

Tickets for **Charles Lloyd Quartet featuring Bill Frisell, Larry Grenadier and Kweku Sumbry** are on sale now at Lobero.org and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. \$135 - 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*), \$85 - Section A, \$60 - Section B. (Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero Facility Fee; other fees may also apply.) A Brubeck Circle show.

UP NEXT FROM LOBERO LIVE:

OCTOBER 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 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/>

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/>

NOVEMBER 2026

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Rachael & Vilray, with special guest Taylor Ashton, on Friday, November 20, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** Step into the enchanting world of Rachael & Vilray, where vintage-inspired pop, jazz,

and theatrical storytelling come alive with sparkling harmonies and irresistible charm. Featuring Rachael Price of Lake Street Dive, and songwriter/guitarist Vilray, this captivating Brooklyn-based duo delivers an unforgettable evening of wit, romance, and timeless musical elegance. A Brubeck Circle show. <https://www.lobero.org/events/rachael-and-vilray/>

Lobero LIVE presents ***Choir! Choir! Choir! – Un-Silent Night: An EPIC Holiday Sing-Along on Saturday, November 28, 2026 at 7:30 PM.*** “Why see a show when you can BE the show!” Now it’s your turn to SING! This fully interactive evening turns audience members into performers! Dust off that ugly sweater, grab your friends and family, and get ready to feel the glow of togetherness at a holiday sing-along like no other. <https://www.lobero.org/events/choir-choir-choir/>

DECEMBER 2026

Lobero LIVE presents ***Demetri Martin: Standup Comedy for Christmas on Wednesday, December 9, 2026 at 7:30 PM.*** Celebrate Christmas with one of comedy’s most original voices! The award-winning comedian, writer, actor, and director brings his signature blend of clever observations, absurdist humor, inventive wordplay, and hilarious drawings to the stage. <https://www.lobero.org/events/demetri-martin-2/>

Lobero LIVE presents ***Jake Shimabukuro’s Holidays in Hawaii on Thursday, December 10, 2026 at 7:30 PM.*** Jake is a world-renowned ukulele virtuoso whose groundbreaking artistry has redefined the instrument for the 21st century. Hailed as the “Jimi Hendrix of the ukulele,” Shimabukuro has captivated audiences across the globe with his masterful technique, innovative spirit, and deeply expressive performances that seamlessly blend elements of jazz, rock, classical, blues, folk, and traditional Hawaiian music. <https://www.lobero.org/events/jake-shimabukuro/>

Lobero LIVE presents ***The Milk Carton Kids — Lost Cause Lover Fool Holiday Tour, with special guest Vera Sola***, on Friday, December 11, 2026 at 7:30 PM. The four-time GRAMMY® nominated folk duo brings their signature blend of exquisite harmonies, intricate guitar work, and quietly powerful storytelling to the stage. Kenneth Pattengale and Joey Ryan will be highlighting material from their seventh studio album, which explores transformation, memory, love, and the fleeting beauty of everyday moments. <https://www.lobero.org/events/milk-carton-kids-3/>

Jazz at the Lobero presents ***Tina Schlieske & Friends – A Holiday Get Together on Saturday, December 12, 2026 at 7:30 PM.*** Join us for the return of this premier holiday kick off as Tina Schlieske brings her beloved annual show to the historic Lobero Theatre. This stellar celebration features Tina's sister, Laura Schlieske, alongside an exceptional lineup of Minneapolis musicians, bringing together seasonal classics, selected covers, and original songs in one spectacular performance. A Brubeck Circle show. <https://www.lobero.org/events/tina-schlieske/>

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