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Lobero LIVE presents

Jake Shimabukuro's *Holidays in Hawaii*

Thursday, December 10, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Santa Barbara, CA, November 9, 2026 **–** Lobero LIVE presents **Jake Shimabukuro's *Holidays in Hawaii* on Thursday, December 10, 2026 at 7:30 PM.** Bring a little island magic to the holiday season with world-renowned ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro, whose extraordinary musicianship and infectious energy have captivated audiences around the globe. Hailed as the "Jimi Hendrix of the ukulele," Shimabukuro has redefined the possibilities of the four-string instrument, blending jazz, rock, classical, blues, folk, and traditional Hawaiian music into a sound entirely his own. Born and raised in Honolulu, he first picked up the ukulele at age four and rose to international fame with his breathtaking, viral interpretation of George Harrison's "While My Guitar Gently Weeps."

With a career spanning acclaimed albums, sold-out performances at prestigious venues including the Hollywood Bowl, Sydney Opera House, and Kennedy Center, and collaborations with music legends such as Bette Midler, Yo-Yo Ma, Jimmy Buffett, Ziggy Marley, and Mick Fleetwood, Shimabukuro continues to push creative boundaries. His latest album, *Calm Seas*, reveals a more contemplative side of the artist. Recorded in Hawaii, the collection of original acoustic compositions draws inspiration from the natural world, weaving the sounds of ocean waves, birdsong, and flowing water into beautifully understated ukulele arrangements. A deeply personal reflection on his connection to the islands, the album celebrates the beauty of slowing down, listening, and finding harmony with nature.

For *Holidays in Hawaii*, Shimabukuro brings his remarkable artistry and island roots to a festive musical celebration, offering audiences a chance to experience the warmth, joy, and spirit of the season through his one-of-a-kind sound. Beyond his performances, he is a dedicated advocate for music education and community outreach, inspiring young musicians through school visits, benefit concerts, and the Four Strings Foundation. Whether delivering dazzling musical fireworks or moments of quiet reflection, Shimabukuro demonstrates the ukulele's extraordinary range and universal ability to connect people. This December, let the spirit of Hawaii bring a little extra magic to the holidays at the Lobero.

Tickets for Jake Shimabukuro's *Holidays in Hawaii* are on sale now at Lobero.org and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. $100 - 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)*, $75 - Section A, $55 - Section B. *(Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero Facility Fee; other fees may also apply.)*

Tickets purchased online or by phone are subject to a web/phone order fee of $3.00 per ticket. To avoid this fee, tickets can be purchased in person at the box office.

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UP NEXT FROM LOBERO LIVE:

NOVEMBER 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.** Charles Lloyd and Bill 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 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 Brubeck Circle show. https://www.lobero.org/events/charles-lloyd/

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 **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/

JANUARY 2027

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation presents **OUR HOUSE: The Music of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young on Thursday, January 14, 2027 at 7:30 PM.** Prepare for an unparalleled musical experience with an extraordinary ensemble of musical friends. The stellar, historic lineup includes Steve Postell, Jeff Pevar, Kipp Lennon, Russ Irwin, Mike Visceglia, and John Michel. Also featuring stunning imagery and personal stories from legendary CSNY photographer Henry Diltz. https://www.lobero.org/events/our-house-2/

FEBRUARY 2027

Lobero Live presents **Kalani Pe'a and Taimane : Live In Concert on Wednesday, February 3, 2027 at 8 PM.** Kalani, a 4-time GRAMMY® winner, is a dynamic performer with a wide range of both songs and styles–from Hawaiian to Classical to R&B–that showcase his deep cultural roots and Hawaiian contemporary soul. Taimane, 2-time winner of Hawaii's Favorite Entertainer of the Year, is best known for her inventive style of playing the ukulele, merging a wide array of genres–from Bach to rock, flamenco infernos to tribal hymns–while summoning a seemingly limitless palette of emotions.
https://www.lobero.org/events/kalani-pea/

Jazz at the Lobero presents **José James Sings Sinatra on Wednesday, February 10, 2027 at 7:30 PM.** Rediscover the swing, style, and soul of the Chairman of the Board—not as nostalgia, but as a living language. James brings this iconic music into the present with depth, grace, and authority, uplifting both Sinatra devotees and new generations discovering the Great American Songbook. A Brubeck Circle show.
https://www.lobero.org/events/jose-james/