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## Jazz at the Lobero presents

## Michael Feinstein

**Because of You: My Tribute to Tony Bennett** 

featuring the Carnegie Hall Ensemble

Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Santa Barbara, CA, February 20, 2025 – Jazz at the Lobero presents Michael Feinstein – Because of You: My Tribute to Tony Bennett, featuring the Carnegie Hall Ensemble on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 7:30 PM. As a top-selling critically acclaimed recording artist and star Broadway performer, Feinstein's dazzling career has earned him five GRAMMY® Award nominations, a special Tony Award for Excellence in Theatre, two Emmy nominations, and acclaim for his NPR series. Not only does his masterful interpretation of Bennett's timeless repertoire pay homage to an era of classic songwriting, but it also preserves the rich cultural heritage that these songs represent.

Following the show's spectacular sold-out debut at New York's Carnegie Hall, *Broadway World* stated it was "the first glimpse of what is sure to be a phenomenal US tour of this incredible Big Band!" and noted that "rousing standing ovation and vibrant applause reverberated within the iconic venue for the acclaimed musical Tour de Force that is Michael Feinstein and the marvelous Carnegie Hall Big Band."

Since 1891, Carnegie Hall has set the international standard for excellence in performance as the aspirational destination for artists of all musical genres. Today, the venue remains one of the world's greatest concert halls and an active cultural destination for artists and audiences. Feinstein now serves as ambassador for the legendary New York City venue – which has been home to some of the most renowned performers in music history – to spread the cultural significance of the Hall, its musical influence, and its big band era history.

Feinstein's close friendship with Tony Bennett – who he calls "one of the most enduring icons of the twentieth century" – adds a profound layer to this tribute, as their shared camaraderie brings depth to each note performed. Bennett made his debut at Carnegie Hall in 1961 on a benefit performance for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Southern Christian Leadership Conference, part of an all-star line-up that included Frank Sinatra, the "Rat Pack" and many more. Bennett first headlined at Carnegie Hall in 1962 and went on to perform on the Hall's illustrious stage more than another 20 times. His final appearance was in 2011 when he took to the stage to duet with acclaimed singer-songwriter James Taylor.

Tickets for Michael Feinstein – Because of You: My Tribute to Tony Bennett are on sale now at Lobero.org and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. \$131 - 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), \$91 - Section A, \$71 - Section B. (Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero Facility Fee; other fees may also apply.)

## **UPCOMING LOBERO LIVE EVENTS:**

#### **MARCH 2025**

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Delfeayo Marsalis and the Uptown Jazz Orchestra on Friday, March 7, 2025 at 7:30 PM**. In 2007, NEA Jazz Master and GRAMMY® Award-winning trombonist Delfeayo Marsalis formed the Uptown Jazz Orchestra (UJO) for the purpose of keeping important jazz music traditions alive; such as riff-playing, spontaneous group improvisations, and collective New Orleans instrumental polyphony. Since then, UJO has grown into one of the premier large ensembles in the world, releasing three CDs to critical acclaim, and touring locally, nationally, and internationally. <a href="https://www.lobero.org/events/delfeayo-marsalis/">https://www.lobero.org/events/delfeayo-marsalis/</a>

Jazz at the Lobero presents **Charles Lloyd Delta Trio, featuring Jason Moran and Marvin Sewell, on Friday, March 14 at 7:30 PM.** Celebrating Charles Lloyd's 87<sup>th</sup> birthday and his 20<sup>th</sup> concert at the Lobero, Lloyd brings together a special trio for the first time. The Lobero has welcomed pianist and McArthur genius, Jason Moran several times with Lloyd, but this will be guitarist, Marvin Sewell's, first appearance here. The three of them share Southern roots and each brings a unique perspective and contribution to America's indigenous art form, jazz. https://www.lobero.org/events/charles-lloyd-delta-trio/

Milt Larsen & Terry Hill and Lobero LIVE present It's Magic (2 shows) on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 2:30 PM & 6:30 PM. This new live show features Xavier Mortimer (top French magician), Ronn Lucas (a major world headliner), David Zirbel and Company (world's tallest illusionist), Dan Cole and Stacy (new concept prestidigitator), and Chris Blackmore (comedian/magician). A Las Vegas show suitable for the whole family! https://www.lobero.org/events/its-magic-2025/

## **APRIL 2025**

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **OUR HOUSE: The Music of CSNY on Friday, April 2, 2025 at 7:30 PM.** Performing the Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young repertoire with an extraordinary ensemble of musical friends, the stellar line-up features Steve Postell (guitarist & musical director, David Crosby & The Immediate Family), Chris Pierce (handpicked by Neil Young to support his 2023 tour), Jeff Pevar (lead guitar, David Crosby, Graham Nash, CSN, Phil Lesh), Teresa James (vocals & piano, The Rhythm Tramps), Ted Russell Kamp (bass, Shooter Jennings), and Craig Macintyre (drums, Goo Goo Dolls, Josh Groban). Also featuring images and words from legendary CSNY photographer Henry Diltz. <a href="https://www.lobero.org/events/our-house-2025/">https://www.lobero.org/events/our-house-2025/</a>

Jazz at the Lobero presents **The Derek Douget Band on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 7:30 PM**. Accomplished saxophonist Derek Douget, who's served as Music Director of the Brubeck Circle Residency since 2018, returns to the Lobero stage with his stellar band of world-renowned jazz musicians – including GRAMMY® Award-winner Victor "Red" Atkins, Trumpet Mafia leader Ashlin Parker, Jason Stewart (Ellis Marsalis Trio), and GRAMMY® Award-winning artist Adonis Rose (Artistic Director of New Orleans Jazz Orchestra). <a href="https://www.lobero.org/events/derek-douget-2025/">https://www.lobero.org/events/derek-douget-2025/</a>

Lobero LIVE presents **Bruce Cockburn on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 7:30 PM**. For 50 years, the Canadian musical legend has been capturing in song the essence of human experience – while fiercely striving to make it better. His guitar playing, both acoustic and electric, has placed him in the company of the world's top instrumentalists. Embracing folk, jazz, rock, and world beat styles, Cockburn's prized songbook will be celebrated for many years to come. <a href="https://www.lobero.org/events/bruce-cockburn-2/">https://www.lobero.org/events/bruce-cockburn-2/</a>

# **MAY 2025**

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Jazz at the Lobero present **Bill Frisell GOOD DOG featuring Greg Leisz, Tony Scherr & Kenny Wollesen on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 7:30 PM.** *Rolling Stone* says revered guitarist, composer and GRAMMY® winner Bill Frisell "is a genuine guitar hero and a major influence on generations of six-stringers that

you worship." With over 300 recordings (including over 40 of his own), he is recognized as one of America's most vital and productive performing jazz artists. After more than 2 decades, Frisell reunites with some of his closest musical brothers to perform some of the magical pieces from *GOOD DOG, HAPPY MAN*. https://www.lobero.org/events/bill-frisell-2/

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **An Evening with The Wallflowers on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 7:30 PM**. The GRAMMY® Award-winning group has held their ground as one of rock's most dynamic and purposeful bands – continually honing a sound that meshes timeless songwriting and storytelling with a hard-hitting and decidedly modern musical attack. <a href="https://www.lobero.org/events/wallflowers-2025/">https://www.lobero.org/events/wallflowers-2025/</a>

#### **JUNE 2025**

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS and Lobero Theatre Foundation present **Mary Chapin Carpenter & Brandy Clark on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 7 PM.** Mary Chapin has sold over 16 million records, won five GRAMMYS®, two CMA Awards, two ACM Awards, and is one of only 15 female members of the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. This tour will feature songs from her entire catalog and new album, set for early summer release. GRAMMY®, CMA, and Americana Award-winner Brandy Clark is one of her generation's most esteemed songwriters and musicians. She also composed the music for the hit musical comedy, *Shucked* — winning Outstanding Music at the 67<sup>th</sup> Drama Desk Awards. <a href="https://www.lobero.org/events/mary-chapin-carpenter-2/">https://www.lobero.org/events/mary-chapin-carpenter-2/</a>

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