

# THE WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL Ukulele ORCHESTRA *Presents* THE WINTER UKULELE WORKSHOP SEASON 2010

## BEGINNER WORKSHOP SERIES

Again this year we will be running our popular five-week beginner workshop series.

In the beginner series members of the WIUO will impart to you the wisdoms of the cute, but mystical, 4-stringed instrument, and will furnish you with some their well strummed tricks and secrets to help you on your way to becoming an all-star ukulele player!

It may be that your goal is simply learn how to make those darned fingers contort into some basic chord shapes and hold a tune that doesn't scare the cat. Well, this is the workshop for you.

Or it may be that you played ukulele a long, long time ago (we won't make you tell us how long ago...or will we?), and need a ukulele refresher - this also is the workshop for you!

To take part in the beginner workshop series you don't need any prior ukulele or musical experience - it will help if you have some, but it isn't necessary!

### BELOW IS AN OUTLINE OF THE TOPICS WE WILL COVER IN THIS WORKSHOP:

- How to tune your ukulele
- Basic chord structures
- Rhythm patterns
- Vocal harmonies and melodies
- Simple songs to wow your friends with!

Believe it or not, the series will end with YOU performing on stage with your workshop buddies!

SESSION DATES	Sunday 25th July
	Sunday 1st August
	Sunday 8th August
	Sunday 15th August
	Sunday 22nd August
SESSION TIME	10.30 - 11:30 AM.
COST	\$160.00

## INTERMEDIATE WORKSHOP SERIES

The WIUO have been listening to our enthusiastic ukulele workshop community and by popular demand for the first time this winter we are offering an intermediate workshop series - yaaay, crowd goes wild!

This course is for those who have completed our 2008 or 2009 beginner workshops and are now ready, under the loving direction of members of the WIUO, to take their ukulele playing to a new dimension (meaning Dan has a new Venn diagram to talk us through!).

Come prepared to be challenged mentally and musically. To take part in the intermediate workshop series you should have either:

Completed our 2008 or 2009 beginners workshops, and/or Be able to play at least six chords (including E); and be able to play several songs on the ukulele competently i.e. be able to strum in time with others, and change chords in time.

Bonus Brownie Points (BBP) if you know a bar chord or two, and if you have a little bit of basic understanding of music theory.

### SOME OF THE TOPICS THAT WILL BE COVERED ARE:

- Finger picking
- Playing a melody
- Accents and strumming patterns
- Triple strum
- Improvising
- Pick vs. fingers
- Choosing chord voicings
- "Chord Shape" theory (CST)
- Bar chords
- Arranging parts in an ensemble

SESSION DATES	Sunday 8th August
	Sunday 15th August
	Sunday 22nd August
SESSION TIMES	12:00 - 1:00pm or 1:30pm - 2:30pm
COST	\$200.00



### REGISTERING FOR YOUR WORKSHOP

This year workshop registration is as easy as purchasing a concert ticket. Your workshop ticket can be purchased online from [www.undertheradar.co.nz](http://www.undertheradar.co.nz)

### ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

BYO ukulele (essential). A ukulele tuner (really handy to have, but not essential

for workshops). Based on experience, we reckon the youngest ideal age for our workshops is 8. The oldest has not yet been reached! All workshops will start on time. Please arrive 15 minutes early to tune up and get comfortable.

If you don't yet own a ukulele, you can buy one from most reputable music

stores, but we suggest you see Alistair and Katrina at Alistair's Music, 215 Cuba Street, Central Wellington. They are ready to look after you.

### VENUE FOR ALL WORKSHOPS

Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff Street, (off Elizabeth Street), Mt Victoria, Wellington, [www.ttc.org.nz](http://www.ttc.org.nz)