

Rocky Mountain Ukulele Orchestra



Ukulele Summer Institute 2018

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Summertime music from the seas, the islands, the pirates, the Caribbean, Hawaii, and ships waiting to sink.

Open to **ANYBODY** who owns an ukulele and wants to get better at playing it! We'll teach plenty of skills all summer, but **every week** we'll rawk music from California, Hawaii, the Caribbean, Oceania, and beaches around the world. Flowered shirts welcome.

Monday, June 11: 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the basement of GMUMC \$10

Island Strummers: Get your hands on the ukulele standards and prepare for summer luaus. We'll make sure your chords are in great shape and get you set up for a fun summer chunking away on your ukulele. We'll use these songs all summer long to build your tool box of awesomeness. No registration necessary, just show up!

Wednesdays, June 13 to August 8: 4:15 o 6:15 pm OR 6:30 to 8:30 pm at LCC

Introduction to Ukulele: Join us weekly in the afternoon or evening for six weeks of ukulele bliss. Learn everything you should know from the ground up with no previous experience required. No class on July 4 or 18. Call the Lakewood Cultural Center **(303) 987-7845** to register.



Sundays, June 17 to August 26: 4 to 6 pm at World Headquarters \$10

Sunday Evening Guitar Orchestra: Add a couple of strings to your ukulele and give it a great big body and suddenly your life is over the top complicated. Come join us for a summer of playing great music without the pressure of needing to be great. We use standard notation along with tablature and chord charts. More info at the DGO website: <http://denverguitarorchestra.com>

Monday, June 18: 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the basement of GMUMC \$10

Arpeggio Kick Off Party: Add great patterns to your regular strumming to make our islands songs sound dreamy and learn to dominate the ukulele as an amazing instrumental tool. No registration necessary!

Monday, June 25: 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the basement of GMUMC \$10:

Bar Chord and Chord Inversions Workshop for Ukulele! We do it every year and this is your turn! Take the mystery out of playing bar chords and put them to action in making your playing better and more versatile. One night of making your fingers hurt and suddenly you'll forget those lonely days when B-flat was a problem. We'll review the 16 chord shapes that make up virtually every chord. No registration necessary!

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Thursdays, June 28 to July 26 6:30 to 8:30 pm at LCC

Guitar Orchestra Levels 1 and 2: Why not play the extra big ukulele with the same advanced chord-melody focus? Level 1 is for the complete beginner and you'll be rawking right away. These classes prepare you to play with the Denver Guitar Orchestra. No class on July 19. Call the Lakewood Cultural Center **(303) 987-7845** to register.

Monday, July 2: 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the basement of GMUMC \$10

Two, Three or Four Chords → Then Red Rocks: Go platinum with just two chords. Others have done it, you should too. Turn a few chords into magic with a hint of theory behind them. Come prepared to laugh too much. And afterward, use your mad skills to write 50 songs in 90 days or just be a smarter player. No registration necessary!

Monday, July 9: 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the basement of GMUMC \$10

Melody Drills: Time to get your brain out of the way and master automatic fingering. We'll study the exercises classical guitar players have been using for centuries to get the flexibility and speed you'll need to dazzle an audience and survive in a ukulele orchestra or any song where melody picking is needed. No registration necessary!

Monday, July 16: 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the basement of GMUMC \$10

Arranging and Duets! Uh oh, scary stuff! We'll work on effective harmonic accompaniments to sweet melody playing and presenting to an appreciative audience. We'll also learn how to prepare music for larger groups and work through musical challenges faced by most arrangers. No registration necessary!

Monday, July 23: 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the basement of GMUMC \$10

From Chord-n-Lyrics to Real Music: Ever thought, "Hey, I'd like to turn that song from my teenage years into something cool on the ukulele!" (?) Well, let's learn how to create great cover versions from the crummy songs you liked back in the day. No registration necessary!

Monday, July 30: 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the basement of GMUMC \$10

String Changing (and Instrument Care) Workshop! Bring your favorite set of new strings and let's get those gawd-awful white ones (or the ones that are a year old or more) off your baby. We'll also have plenty of strings for you to buy on the spot if necessary. No registration necessary!

Monday to Saturday, August 6-11: 10 to noon at World Headquarters \$65

ONE WEEK Intro to Ukulele BLITZ! You just bought a ukulele. You need to get ready to play in a big hurry! Join us for six straight mornings and learn everything you'll need to know to sound great by the end of the week. You must pre-register by calling **(303) 984-0777**.

Monday, August 6: 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the basement of GMUMC \$10

Singing Basics: We're lucky to have professional singer Marnie Ward ready to help us stop sounding like frogs. With a few basic tools you can stop scaring the neighbors. Get an overview of matching pitch, singing the melody, finding a harmony (for those who dare!), warming up your voice, finding better resonance, and breath control. No registration necessary!

Monday, August 13: 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the basement of GMUMC \$10

Ukulele Fretboard: Find out how to find the best fingering choices on your fretboard. It's a fun one-night challenge that'll pay you back forever. Make better choices playing, arranging and composing. No registration necessary!

Monday, August 20: 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the basement of GMUMC \$10

Epic Summer Concert Featuring YOU! A fun night of ukulele performances by all the members of Summer Institute. Come hang out in a supportive environment and bring the sounds of the oceans, islands, and beaches alive in a summer luau extravaganza. No registration necessary!

The main topic on Monday nights will be supplemented with lots of **real songs, raucous laughter, and plenty of mistakes**. Come join the fun no matter how good (or not) you are. Call **(303) 984-0777** for more information or visit <http://ukuleleorchestra.org/summer> for details. **Private Lessons** are also available by appointment: **303-984-0777**

Locations:

GMUMC: Green Mountain United Methodist Church: 12755 W Cedar Dr, Lakewood, CO 80228

LCC: Lakewood Cultural Center: 470 S Allison Pkwy, Lakewood, CO 80226

World Headquarters: Historic Grant Avenue Community Center: 216 S Grant St, Denver, CO 80209

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