

## Stage locations;

The Carpark (Carrington)

The Baroque Room (Carrington)

The Ballroom (Carrington)

The Dining Room (Carrington)

Fringe Festival Workshop Stage (Cultural Centre) The Family Hotel (Parke Street)

Ukulele Fringe Festival Workshops @ **The Blue Mountains Cultural Centre** 

11:00 - Lindy - Welcome to Ukulele Land! Can't wait to get strumming? Learn the basics from tuning, technique, and some simple songs. A fun introduction to the lovey Ukulele from the lovely Lindy and friends.

12:00 - Mark Jackson & Jane Jelbart - will teach you how to improvise. Lock onto the iconic major pentatonic scale used in My Girl, and you have the first steps to learning how to improvise on the ukulele. Mark and Jane have taught this workshop all over the world (but mainly at home in Newcastle).

1:00 - LayDee KinMee - When you watched Young Frankenstein, did you dream of becoming a yodelling lab assistant, or did you want to just be like Mary Schneider or Brad Pitt, well here's your chance, come along to LayDee's Yodelling Workshop

2:00 - Paul Jonson - Make Your Uke Sing- Sharpen your playing skills, learn a simple chord progression, fingerpick your way to fame, cultivate classic styles and polish up your intro & ending. This is a workshop for all levels, and you'll never play your ukulele in the same way ever again...

























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MOUNTAINS CULTURAL







7, 8 & 9 FEBRUARY 2025

Carrington Hotel: Katoomba Street, Katoomba More info: facebook.com/bluemountainsukefest

| Time  | The Carrington Hotel Carpark The Finity Consulting Stage | The Carrington Hotel Ballroom The KoAloha Ukulele Stage | The Baroque Room The OZ Music Stage | The Carrington Hotel Dining Room The Henry Sports Stage | The Family Hotel                     |
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|       |  |   |                                     |   | -                                    |
| 9:00  | Official Opening   |   |                                     |   |                                      |
| 9:30  | Blaxland Ukulele Group                                   | The Brothers  | Threepence                          |   |                                      |
| 10:00 | The Joyful Noise   | Slim Pickins'   | Mainly Mersey                       |   |                                      |
| 10:30 | The Joy Boyz   | Demented Ukeholics                                      | The 'Show Stoppers'                 |   | Uke'n'Bush                           |
| 11:00 | Ukestral Voices  | Paul Jonson   | The Woo Woo Crew (with              |   | Hummingbird                          |
| 11:30 | Five Dock Strummers                                      | For the Love of Ukes                                    | The Coastal Strummers               | Music A Trois and friends                               | Wildcard                             |
| 12:00 | Forster Jumping Fleas                                    | The Very Irreverent Mob                                 | ME & A FEW                          | Kangalales  | Bad Benny Owens                      |
| 12:30 | Ukulele Republic of Canberra                             | Musical Fix   | Darlo Street Band                   | Last Monday Night                                       | Wildcard                             |
| 1:00  | The Nutty Bushes   | J-ukebox  | The Up-Town Girls                   | Gerry With A Pacemaker                                  | Bondi Phil                           |
| 1:30  | Petersham Ukulele Klub                                   | Rusty Nails   | Honey Hive                          | Ageless Wonder  | Nick Bennett Travis Picking          |
| 2:00  | The Swingaleles  | Uke Dirty Rats  | Jack Jel mac and Wal                | West Ryde Ukulele Club                                  | Borderline Millennial                |
| 2:30  | Tom the Pom  | Wildcard  | FLOWER POWER                        | Nicholas Loveridge                                      | John Tubridy, Songs for Baby Boomers |
| 3:00  | PHUNstars  | Foggy Foggy Duo   | Three Degrees of                    | Vintage Ukes  | Haze likes Ducks                     |
| 3:30  | Bhukulective - Blaxland High                             | Ray & Dave Play Creedence                               | NukeM                               | Little Black Ducks                                      | Super Steve's super ballads          |
| 4:00  | Greater Gosford Ukulele                                  | The Ukumamas  | Flat Foot Floozy                    | Led Ukz   | Open Mic                             |
| 4:30  | Ukastle Ukestra  | Lindsev Grav/Jesse Hawlev                               | Rehashed                            | CUBE  | Open Mic                             |
| 5:00  | Wattas   | Old Hat   | Duck n Cover                        | The Three G's   | Open Mic                             |
| 5:30  | The Nana's and the Poppa's                               | Dennis Aubrey   | In Salt                             | ClydeStreet Band  |                                      |
| 6:00  | Ukerdullas   |   | Honeybees                           | Duplicity   |                                      |
| 6:30  | Loveridge and Sons                                       |   | Tom the Pom and Number              | Chris O   |                                      |
| 7:00  | Wildcard   | _   | Nick Fury's Gentlemen of            | Magpie Hill   |                                      |
| 7:30  | Lindy & the Loose Units                                  |   | Accidentally Ukes                   |   |                                      |
| 8:00  | Jen and the Intrepid Segues                              |   |                                     |   |                                      |
| 8:30  | Hoola Featuring LayDee KinMee                            |   |                                     |   |                                      |

Accidentally Ukes play and sing a variety of gospel, folk and opinions music

Slim Sugarman

The Blue MUGs

The U-klectics

9:00

9:30

10:00

Ageless Wonder friends who love to jam their ukuleles while singing a variety of songs of different genres and sharing their music.

Bad Benny Owens Katoomba local, a raconteur, entrepreneur, lyricist, soloist, bush lawyer and amateur barber-surgeon. He plays original songs inspired by life in the Blue Mountains.

Bhukulective - Blaxland High School Ukulele Group - has been well known for many years performing at local venues and festivals.

Blaxland Ukulele Group (BUGS) An enthusiastic group of players with an emphasis on inclusiveness and participation.

Bondi Phil is an evolving singer / songwriter who mixes original material with other composers' work that fits his "cheerful despair" mantra

Borderline Millennial is still ridden with 90s and 00s angst. She is ready to unleash this vibe on stage with songs that may not typically appear in ukulele sing-along books.

ClydeStreet Band with 9 yrs together produce an ensemble style with flair & versatility in a tight mix. A selection of seductive jazz, contemporary & country numbers are spiced with expressive ukulele instrumentals."

CUBE is from the Nambucca Valley U3A ukulele group. This year's theme is the road trip to Katoomba playlist. After our 8 hours' drive, we'll have you singing along to our favourites from the journey to sing along to these classic

Darlo Street Band have merged their individual talents & tastes in music to showcase the ukulele element in

Demented Ukeholics Full of fun, young at heart. Share their adventures. Through life and song as the Demented Ukeholics

Duck n Cover Murder, Mayhem, and Mystery, in sensible shoes. Everything you ever wanted to hear and see with a Ukulele, with a bit of extra cheese sauce on the side. We go places on a Ukulele that no one else dares to go.

**Duplicity**, featuring powerhouse vocalist Sue Kidd Hoola Featuring LayDee KinMee HOOLA brings and multi-instrumentalist Brendan Canty, captivates audiences with a mix of reimagined covers and powerful originals that connect directly with listeners. Duplicity performs at venues around Melbourne and surrounds.

Five Dock Strummers A fun filled journey through favourites past and present.

Flat Foot Floozy Performing together for 5 years, Flat Foot Floozy has entertained audiences with an eclectic repertoire of great songs.

FLOWER POWER Eclectic sound with a focus on the sixties but with a twist

Foggy Foggy Duo Two quirky persons having Foggy & spectacular fun with Folk, Rock, Punk, Jazz and Bad 80's Pop

For the Love of UkesTo show how much they love their Ukes. Lyndall Katz and Vicki Reich play songs from folk, contemporary pop and jazz. They add their own arrangements with harmony and picking to make those ukes shine.

Forster Jumping Fleas are a fun loving group who love spreading the joy of uke to everyone to Various groups & our local Nursing Homes, who love having us regularly playing for them.

Gerry With A Pacemaker Satirical songs and parodies trying to make sense of a crazy world. Dud politicians are our specialty.

Greater Gosford Ukulele Troup Inc A lovely community group who meets every week enjoying the pure joy of making of music

Haze Like Ducks is a chaotic ukulele and other goofy instruments player with Tourette Syndrome. Be prepared to have fun with music from the 40s to current day with a few extra barks, whistles and exclamations about carrots!

Honey Hive are local Blue Mountains musicians. They play songs by the great jazz composers like George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington & Hoagy Carmichael. Honey Hive present them with style & aplomb

**Honeybees** 3 banging ukuleles, one sultry sax and a gorgeous glockenspiel, Honeybees are a joy, a surprise and an act to remember. "The Honeybees swarm any stage they step on with energy, enthusiasm and skill. It is a wild ride to watch them perform.

the feeling of the golden age of Hawaiian entertainment back to the present this weekend they feature The Yodelling Drag Queen. Hummingbird Jazz, French, originals & Indie

In Salt What would it be like if you were the Occupational Health and Safety Officer on a Pirate Ship? How frustrating it is if people do not know the difference between a heave and a haul? Do pirates face trauma in their daily working life as they loot

Jack Jel mac and Wal A four-part harmony band full of rich vocals, originals songs and covers that are a bit country, jazzy and prog rock. Jack, Jel, Mac and Wal are a rare commodity: performers who can teach, teachers who can perform; multiinstrumentalists

Jen and the Intrepid Segues Years in the making friends and family making music and memories John Tubridy, Songs for Baby Boomers John is an award-winning singer songwriter from Wollongong. He writes witty, thought provoking and satirical songs which appeal to all ages. J-ukebox play instrumental music on ukuleles, lead, rhythm and bass, choosing pieces with a guirky appeal, often from the 60s. We have classical and popular music backgrounds, and love all sorts of music from the Shadows, Beatles, Bacharach to Jacob Collier.

Kangalales Mainly original songs sprinkled with satire, humour and a dash of social commentary. Entertaining, colourful and lively.

Last Monday Night are a group of friends who meet on a Monday night to play songs, old and

Led Ukz play hard rock the ukulele way. Think the music that was on the radio from 1969 to 1972, and we create that on the ukulele, add some drums and keyboard, and our sound is big. Lindsey Gray/Jesse Hawley Singer Songwriter act - mix of covers and originals. Inspired by the Beatles, New Zealand reggae/rock.

Lindy & the Loose Units Let Loose (featuring members of FOKROK) Your fave tunes with rocking ukuleles to get you bopping!!

Little Black Ducks playing popular songs from several decades. No matter what your age, we guarantee you will know them, they will bring back memories and you will leave smiling and humming them for days!

Loveridge and Sons Up tempo dancing ukulele

Magpie Hill is made up of Graham Harmon, lead vocals, Geoff Ellacott, U-bass, and Yvonne Poels, ukulele. They enjoy playing a variety of musical styles. Lynt formed in early 2024 and is based in Canberra.

Mainly Mersey Four old friends playing Concert, Tenor, Baratone and Bass ukes with experience in several different forums who like to get together to perform mainly, but not exclusively, Beatles songs. ME & A FEW Come one come all it's ME & A FEW! Who? I hear you say.....well it's ME.....AND

A FEW. Pumping out a range of new and old Ukulele faves.

Music A Trois and friends perform classic songs from folk, blues, pop and rock in French and English. We want to bring variety and feeling to our performance and want the audience to travel through the genres with us.

Musical Fix three friends who come together with a mix of music from modern to old favourites. The more the crowd joins in the more fun we have.

Nicholas Loveridge Singer-songwriter Nicholas is crafting Indie-Folk narratives with a captivating blend of high energy moments and subtle nuances.

Nick Bennett plays a unique style of fingerpicking called Travis Picking. This is an exciting way to make the uke sing

Nick Fury's Gentlemen of Distinction Vocal harmonies and some lovely songs. Just a jolly nice

NukeM (Nowra Ukulele Movement) performs as many genres as possible and styles that we think suits our lovely members. Always as lively as we can get for festivals.

Paul Jonson from NZ plays traditional folk blues and classic rock blues that can be a variety or specific genre.

Petersham Ukulele Klub Better known as the PUKES - for reasons that should probably remain mysterious - is a fearless group of thrill seekers

monsoon a few years back! PHUNstars A passionate group of fun-loving ukesters whose music includes anything and everythina!

famed for playing through the great BMUF

Ray & Dave Play Creedence Two friends on Bass and Uke who love to play Creedence together

Rehashed a lively band that you can dance and sing along to. We play rock/rock ballads classics from current back to the seventies. You're in for a real treat.

Rusty Nails We're the Rusty Nails....and we're gonna get hammered!

Slim Pickins' friends share their enjoyment for Country and Blue Grass songs and maybe a song left field.

Slim Sugarman is Sydney's Number 1 Ukulele Plaver/Singe

Super Steve's super ballads Super Steve will play some super ballads. Been a long time coming

The Blue MUGs You know these guys, Loud Fast and Fun, who says you can't have it all The Brothers play music from various genre and eras. We really are brothers.

The Coastal Strummers hail from the Central Coast of NSW, are a fun group of women who share friendship, and a great love for singing and playing the ukelele

The Joy Boyz is a mixed-up bunch of music lovers who like their performances to have a theme. This time they are playing songs from previous BMUF performances.

The Joyful Noise A multicultural group of avid ukulele players and singers who are passionate about sharing their love of music.

The Nana's and the Poppa's a wiggles tribute band on painkillers, inspired by the fun and joy of grandparenting

The Nutty Bushes a bunch of fun-loving gals who meet weekly to sing, play, laugh and have tea! The group is led by Melayne who a qualified music teacher and professional singer. They love a good mash up and have many in their repertoire.

The 'Show Stoppers' A small experience Uke Group from the Northers Beaches, Who, enjoy playing BLOCKBUSTER HITS, from Musicals, Rock Legends, Pop, Country, Blues....'Whatever Floats you Boat'! Come Join us for some Foot Tapping FUN.

The Swingaleles is a progressive ukulele group augmented by other instruments.

The Three G's A family band with several vocalists backed by ukuleles, u-bass, drums/percussion, & saxophone. The perform uptempo covers which guarantee to have the audience moving to the beat.

The U-klectics An eclectic group of friends taking 4 strings to an exciting and fun level with spirited combinations of R&B, rock, pop, country and folk songs you will know and love to sing.

The Ukumamas With their signature plunka-plunk ukulele spin, no genre is safe from these sweet harmonising songbirds. The Ukumamas are sure to have you toe-tapping faster than you can say, "toilet, teeth, bath and bed!"

The Up-Town Girls Sister Act not to miss The Very Irreverent Mob Mix of covers and spoofs. Make people laugh and/or cry.

The Woo Woo Crew (with Tia Maria and the Duck) Experience all the weirdness and wonder of the Woo Woo show. Something for everyone – crystal cleansing, veganism, balancing chakras in lotus pose or rubbing essential oils into your toes! Uke playing, storytelling, mystical singing and lots of fun!

Three Degrees of Separation We're a ukulele band from the Hawkesbury, been performing here there and everywhere since 2015 - a bit of pop. some rock'n'roll, a touch of country and a lot of

Threepence consists of Penny Creighton, Lynden Jacobi, Anne Cowper and Gail Walsh. The band has a feel-good vibe. With four voices, 3 ukes and 1 u-bass, Threepence puts a brand-new shine on their music - ranging from blues, folk and originals. Tom the Pom One bloke, four strings, loads of tricky chords and a surprising singalong. The Vice President of The Australian Ukulele Leaders' and Teachers' Association

Tom the Pom and Number 1 Son Harmonies that only a father and son can do. Ben's 4th show, see how he's progressed!

Ukastle Ukestra A community group of Novocastrian music-makers under the brutal and comedic guidance of maestros Jane Jelbart and Mark Jackson. Ukestrans join from six weekly ukestras and then we add voice, U-bass, percussion and hubris to a whole buncha disciplined ukes

Uke Dirty Rats are three blokes who should know better! Performing parodies, original songs and covers, they have been together for 5 years. They have performed at Ukulele Festivals, clubs and corporate and community events.

Uke'n'Bush First time festival performer Uke'n'Bush is a solo artist from Windsor. Kate enjoys playing easy listening songs with great melodies and meaningful lyrics.

Ukerdullas Woodstock Era hits and British 60's classics.

Ukestral Voices This is a community choir with a little difference, i.e. a ukulele difference. Three-tofour-part harmony arrangements of songs (World Music, Blues, Pop, and Gospel), but accompanied and performed on the uke. It's a rich vocal sound. Ukulele Republic of Canberra (URoC) has been hosting community play-along and educational sessions in the Canberra/Queanbeyan region since 2007. URoC's Performance Group collectively select, arrange, and perform music across many genres.

Vintage Ukes - a bit of Rock, a bit of Blues and some vintage songs

Wattas are an eclectic mix of ukulele, bass, percussion, banjolele and flute. We play a mix of genres including some fresh originals

West Ryde Ukulele Club feelgood songs: a mix of the new and old; familiar and not-so-familiar; from Oz and elsewhere: rock and singalong. A smallish group, but most good groups are small; and great enthusiasm."

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