

# SEATTLE UKULELE PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

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## January 2008

### Today, January 6: Song Circle & Special Guests

Join SUPA in kicking off the new year with our special guests the Seattle Nikkei Horizons Ukulele Band. They're bringing at least 13 of their members to serenade us with a mix of music including some Japanese songs. Ballard NW Senior Center. Doors open at 1:00 for informal jams and a Back to Basics workshop provided by John Leder.

Song circle will start a little earlier today (2:00p) to accommodate our guests performing at 2:30. Song Circle to continue afterwards. Only \$3.

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### Sunday, February 10: Song Circle & Workshop

After the Super Bowl Sunday, the next week is SUPA-Bowl Sunday! We're meeting the second week this month to avoid scheduling conflicts for our members. A tentative workshop is planned, and the details will be announced on the web site and Yahoo Groups. West Seattle Senior Center. Doors open at 1:00p. Workshop from 1:00-2:00. Song Circle starting at 2:30. Workshop \$TBA. Song Circle only \$3.

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### Sunday, March 2: Song Circle, Swap Meet, Open Mic

It's that time of year to dust off your old ukuleles and accessories to swap or sell with others. Join SUPA for our annual swap meet featuring musical stylings of our own members during an open mic. Doors open at 1:00p, with open mic starting right away. Song circle from 2:30-4:30p. Ballard NW Senior Center (5429 32nd Ave NW) Only \$3.

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### Save the date: March 22 - Lil Rev

Lil Rev will be in town to offer ukulele workshops and a concert. Workshops, times, locations to be determined. This may be in conjunction with a uke day on Vashon, so watch the web site and Yahoo Groups.

### Jake Shimabukuro - February 4 @ Jazz Alley

Jake Shimabukuro returns to Seattle for a performance at Jazz Alley ([www.jazzalley.com](http://www.jazzalley.com)). Tickets are only \$24.50.

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### Today only! 2005-2007 Combined Song Book - \$23

A special 2005/2007 Combined Song book (256 pages!) is available for purchase for only \$23. This combines both the 2005 and 2007 song books into one with a convenient spiral binding. The book also includes 16 additional songs that have been distributed as handouts throughout the year. Only 10 books available. Get yours now! This pricing can't last!

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### Yahoo! Groups, Music & Events Calendar

For the most current happenings along with message boards and forums, please join the SeattleUkulele group at Yahoo. The link is available from the SUPA web site. Also, a Google events calendar is now available on the web site. If you would like events added, please email all pertinent details to John (supafb@msn.com).

The "members only" (for copyright reasons) section of the website is available for PDF music downloads and an ever-increasing number of MP3s for playing along at home! Check regularly for updates and new music. <http://www.seattleukulele.org/members/>

## Library

See Susan Howell to check out information for the library. Song books, DVDs, CDs, and more are available for review.

## Future Workshops, Song Circles & Events

All workshop fees include the \$3 SUPA song circle fee - no additional charge. Below is the tentative schedule for song circles and known events for 2008.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Description</i>
Jan 6	Ballard	Song Circle. Special Guests: Seattle Nikkei Horizons Ukulele Band
Feb 10*	West Seattle	Song Circle & Workshop
Mar 2	Ballard	Song Circle, Open Mic & Swap Meet
April 6	West Seattle	Song Circle & Casey McGill Workshop
May 4	Ballard	Song Circle (Folklife Rehearsal)
May 18	Ballard	Folklife Rehearsal
May 23-26	Seattle Center	Northwest Folklife Festival
June 1	Dusty Strings	Song Circle
June 18-22	Portland, OR	Portland Ukefest
June 21	Fremont	Solstice Parade
July 13**	West Seattle	Song Circle & Workshop
Aug 3	Woodland Park	SUPA Picnic & Open Mic
Sept 7	Ballard	Song Circle & Workshop
Oct 5	West Seattle	Song Circle & Workshop
Nov 2	Ballard	Song Circle
Dec 7	West Seattle	Holiday Potluck & Open Mic

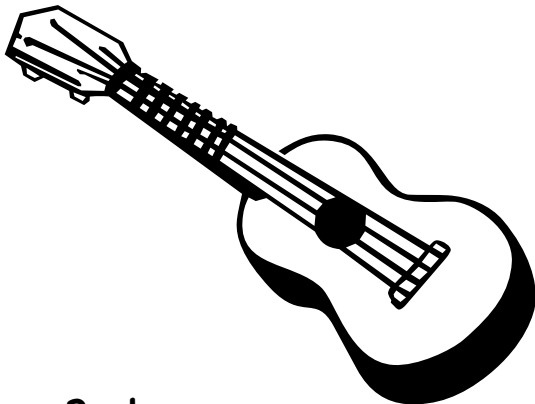
\*2nd weekend in February to avoid Super Bowl Sunday

\*\* 2nd weekend to avoid 4th of July weekend

Senior Center of West Seattle, 4217 SW Oregon St, Seattle

Ballard Northwest Senior Center, 5429 32nd Ave NW, Seattle

Dusty Strings, 3406 Fremont Ave N, Seattle, (206) 634-1662



## SUPA Song Books

Song books (Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Winter 2007) are available at the Ave Copy Center (4141 University, Seattle, 206-663-1837), where you can also buy the Santa Cruz song book. (Combined 2005-2007 will be available soon.)

## Uke News Briefs

**Store points the way to music** (St. Petersburg Times, Madera Beach, FL) - Chris Rooney picks up the small, stringed instrument and deftly picks out a complicated melody with his big fingers. Then he switches to simply strumming chords and sings along to the same tune, Yesterday.

"Beatles songs translate real well on the ukulele," says Rooney, 55, owner and operator of Compass Music. "With three chords, you can play thousands of songs."

Rooney has a couple of dozen ukuleles on the wall along with an array of other instruments in his store that all share one basic idea: They're easy to play. An accomplished musician himself, Rooney's goal in creating the business is to open music to the masses.

Rooney wants people to have fun right away, which is why he stresses instruments like the ukulele. Although it will be necessary to practice and learn, if a beginner doesn't start having fun early, Rooney said, they'll never go any further.

A customer walks in off the street and starts asking about the instruments on the wall. Rooney walks over and gives the man a rundown on ukuleles in a range of prices. He hands one to the customer and gives him some basic instruction. In about five minutes, Rooney has the man playing a halting, but recognizable, Brown Eyed Girl. The man smiles at his accomplishment.

The way Rooney sees it, that simple lesson could create a customer for life. That man now believes he can play music, a feeling that can lead to sales of Rooney's drums, guitars, maracas, wooden flutes or other instruments.

The ukulele is the perfect foil. With a comic reputation, the instrument inspires mirth right away, Rooney said. And although easy to learn, an accomplished player can do a lot with the simple four-stringed Hawaiian instrument.

**Opening Ceremonies** (AP-Kapalua, Hawaii) - Jake Shimabukuro played the national anthem on a ukulele during the Opening Drive ceremonies on the first tee of the Plantation Course right before the first round of the Mercedes-Benz Championship golf tournament in Kapalua, Hawaii on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008. The event marked the start of the 2008 PGA Tour season.