

SEATTLE UKULELE PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

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November 2008

Today, Sunday, November 2: Song Circle

Join us at the Ballard Northwest Senior Center for our monthly song circle from 2:30-4:30p. Doors open at 1:00p for informal practice and fellowship. Only \$3.

Sunday, November 16: Beginning Song Circle

Led by Pat Klopich, these mid-month song circles (planned for the 3rd Sunday of each month) are designed to assist newer members (and not-so-new members) with orientations to SUPA, song circles, chords, strumming, song books, and you-name-it. If the regular song circles sometimes leave you in the dust, these workshops will help you kick off the dust and get into that "SUPA groove." Ballard NW Senior Center from 1:30-3:30. Only \$3.

Sunday, December 7: SUPA 6th Anniversary Celebration, Holiday Potluck, and Open Mic Extravaganza!

Join SUPA as we celebrate our 6th anniversary with a holiday potluck, open mic, and more. Bring your favorite dish to share at our annual Holiday Potluck. This event is a great time for fellowship, sharing ukulele secrets, and watching your fellow musicians perform. Time to prepare that song you've been working on for the open mic. Sign-ups will be available at the door. Doors open at 12:30, open mic begins at 1:00, and the song circle starts at 2:30. Only \$3 for this much fun! Save room for cake! West Seattle Senior Center.

Saturday, December 13: Pathway of Lights Festival

Seattle Parks and Recreation has invited us back for the annual Pathway of Lights festival to be held along the path around Green Lake on Saturday, December 13 from 6:15-7:00pm. Meet at the community center (north side of lake) about 30 minutes beforehand. Dress warmly! Wear gloves! This event is cold! Bring all your holiday music. Did we say it gets cold!?

Sunday, January 4: Song Circle

Join SUPA at the Ballard NW Senior Center for a monthly song circle from 2:30-4:30p. Doors open at 1:00p. Song Circle only \$3.

Sunday, January 18: Ukulele Workshops @ Dusty Strings

Our own Uncle Gregg Porter and Uncle Rod Higuchi will present two workshops at Dusty Strings: Ukulele for Absolute Beginners (12:15p) and Hawaiian Songs for Ukulele and Voice (2:45p). In the first workshop, recommended for beginners only, you'll learn basic things about that new ukulele including strings, tuning, chords, and some songs. The second workshop will help with Hawaiian pronunciation and some classic songs for players already comfortable with a handful of chords and the ability to sing while playing. Visit Dusty String's web site for more information.

Sunday, February 1: Song Circle

Join SUPA at the West Seattle Senior Center for a monthly song circle from 2:30-4:30p. Doors open at 1:00p. Song Circle only \$3.

Friday, February 27: Lil' Rev Workshop & Concert

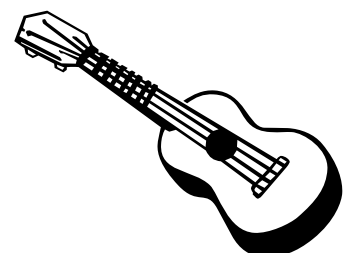
Join us for a workshop and concert with Lil' Rev at the West Seattle Senior Center (4217 SW Oregon St) for a workshop (6-7:30pm, \$20) and a concert (8:00pm, \$10). Workshops on this tour include Easy Solos, Blues II, Rock 'N' Roll Ukulele, Old Time & Country Styles, and much more. (Actual workshop TBD.) All playing levels welcome. Stay tuned to Yahoo Groups or the web site for ticket information.

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Photos!

Photos are back and available on the SUPA web site. Using the latest in online technology (read: easier to post), photos are available through SUPA's account on Google's Picasa Web photo site. Similar to Flickr, but simpler and easier to use (and less constraints on uploading, etc.), all photos from the last half of 2007 and all of 2008 have been migrated to this site. You can even download any pictures you like in full-resolution, or purchase pictures directly from Google. There is a link from the SUPA web site, so no difficult web addresses to remember. All photos prior to mid-2007 are still available exclusively on the SUPA web site. Thanks to all the photo contributors including Pam Mandel and Lori Yoshinaga.

Yahoo! Groups, Music, Events, Library

For the most current happenings along with message boards and forums, join the SeattleUkulele group at Yahoo. The link is available from the SUPA web site.

The "members only" (for copyright reasons) section of the website is available for PDF and MP3 music downloads for playing along at home! Check regularly for updates and new music. (<http://www.seattleukulele.org/members/>)

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Description</i>
Dec 7	West Seattle	Song Circle & Holiday Party
Dec 13	Green Lake	Pathway of Lights
Jan 5	Ballard	Song Circle
Feb 1	West Seattle	Song Circle & Workshop
Feb 27	West Seattle	L'il Rev Workshop
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, Combined 2005/2007) are available at the Ave Copy Center (4141 University, Seattle, 206-663-1837), where you can also buy the Santa Cruz song book.

Committees

Board. As required by WA law for a nonprofit corporation, the following members are filed annually as officers: Tobin Hess, President; Peter Palisbo, Vice President; John Leder, Secretary, and Carel Neffenger, Treasurer.

Steering Committee: A loose volunteer group running the monthly operations of SUPA that consists of the Executive Committee, Rod Higuchi, Gregg Porter, and Pat Klopich. (Suggestions, comments, participation, and ideas are always welcome!)

Door Corps: Pat Klopich & gang

Uke Tid Bits

Estelle Reiner, wife of Carl Reiner dies at age 94 (International Business Times, October 30, 2008)

Estelle Reiner, wife of comedy icon, director and actor Carl Reiner died Saturday at age 94 in Beverly Hills, reports say on Thursday.

Reiner died of old age at her house, her nephew George Shapiro said according to the Associated Press.

She was a painter and became an acknowledged jazz singer and actress appearing in the film "When Harry Met Sally," (Directed by her son Rob Reiner) and in "Fatso" and "To Be or Not to Be."

As a singer she released seven albums including "Ukulele Mama" and a collection of "Grown Up Songs for Kids."

She was known for the famous line "I'll have what she's having," on the movie "When Harry Met Sally" when actress Meg Ryan faked an orgasm in a restaurant.

Ukulele player entertains campus

(The Concordian, Concordia College, MN - Karla Tetreault) - While walking around the Concordia campus, it's common to see students listening to mp3 players, texting on their cell phones or talking with friends. Playing ukuleles on the way to class, however? Not so common. Well, not until last year, when sophomore Eric Lillehaugen started playing his ukulele everywhere, plucking at the strings while walking all over campus.

"Freshman year I'd get bored while walking to classes," Lillehaugen said. Lillehaugen got sick of listening to his iPod and he didn't get into text messaging, so for something to do while walking, he decided to play his ukulele.

One of Lillehaugen's favorite things about playing his ukulele around campus is all of the people he meets because of it. "It's a really cool way of connecting with people who otherwise wouldn't have initiated conversation," he said. One fellow student recently approached Lillehaugen to tell him how much he looked forward to hearing the ukulele before his calculus class. Lillehaugen just happens to walk by the room.

"I don't want to sound like a sap, but people will come up to me and say, 'I really like hearing your music around campus. It always brightens my day!'" he said.

"I would encourage anyone who's thinking about learning to play an instrument to go pick up a ukulele and go crazy," he said.

Lillehaugen would feel overjoyed if there were other people walking around campus playing the ukulele as well.

"That would be amazing," he said. "I would love it. And then I wouldn't be the only guy playing ukulele on campus!"