

# UKULELE ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN

**BOERNE, TX – March 6, 2019** – The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain, which has become a global sensation and nothing short of a national treasure in the UK, will arrive in Boerne with their ukuleles and their foot-tapping music for one show, presented by Boerne Performing Arts, on Tuesday, March 26. Probably one of the only international music ensembles that can travel with their “carry on luggage” instruments, the “Dukes of Ukes” have released CD’s and DVD’s on their own independent label and been heard in numerous films, plays and commercials.



*The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain was founded in 1985, under the direction of George Hinchliffe and Kitty Lux, and has been entertaining audiences ever since. Record audiences include an estimated 170,000 in Hyde Park, and they hold the world’s record for the largest number of ukulele players playing together, when at least 992 players joined the Ukes in a version of Beethoven’s Ode to Joy in Royal Albert Hall during the London Proms.*

The orchestra is renowned for witty entertainment and novel interpretations of music and songs from across all genres. Expect anything from Tchaikovsky to Nirvana via Otis Redding, EDM and Spaghetti Western to go through the ukulele orchestra blender and emerge as a stomping, uplifting and thought-provoking show. Time Out magazine describes the orchestra as “frighteningly talented and awesome!”

The H-E-B Tournament of Champions Charitable Trust, Hearts’ Home Acoustics, Morningside Ministries at Menger Springs and The City of Boerne are sponsoring this evening performance as well as a student matinee for 1,000 local students. Thanks to their generosity, fifth grade students from Boerne ISD and Bandera ISD will attend a one-hour show at no cost to the students as part of the Boerne Performing Arts FOR KIDS program.

Prior to the performance by The Ukulele Orchestra, and during intermission, the Champion High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Kevin Arnott, will perform in the lobby. Visual artwork created by students at Boerne ISD Elementary schools will be on display in the lobby. This work has been encouraged, inspired and

taught by Emily Berset, Kirsten Grammes, Melissa Leconte, Liz Shaffer, Scott Snyder, and Kimberly Stewart. As with each Boerne Performing Arts event, it is a community endeavor.

Order tickets (\$60-\$40-\$30-\$20) by phone: 830.331.9079; online: [www.BoernePerformingArts.com](http://www.BoernePerformingArts.com); or in person at the Greater Boerne Chamber of Commerce (121 South Main Street in beautiful downtown Boerne). Showtime on Tuesday, March 26, is 7:30pm at Boerne Champion Theater.