

Boerne Performing Arts Lesson Plan – Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

Target Grade -- 4th Grade

Objective: Students will learn about a variety of styles and genres of modern musical artists. Students will prepare to attend the Boerne Performing Arts performance.

TEKS Addressed:

Historical and cultural relevance: Students will be expected to identify and describe music from diverse genres, styles, periods, and cultures.

Critical Evaluation and Response: Students will be expected to exhibit audience etiquette during live and recorded performances; evaluate a variety of compositions, and formal or informal musical performances using specific criteria; and justify personal preferences for specific music works and styles using music vocabulary.

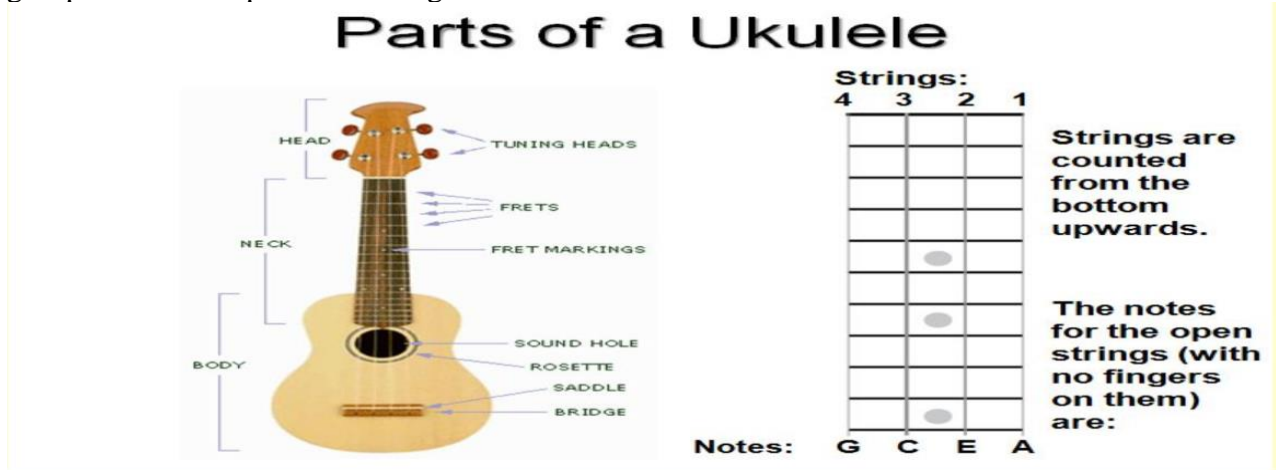
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*The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain has stumbled upon international and critical acclaim as the most entertaining pluckers. Ranging between sincerity and insanity; punk rock sensibilities and restrained British humor, this group has enjoyed a 37-year-long career that has taken them around the globe, garnering hordes of fans and imitators along the way. Their catalog is a menagerie of rock, pop, jazz, blues, and classical music, performed with humor and a flair for toe-tapping, roof-raising, and often twisted renditions. **Get ready for an oversized dose of hipness!***

(from <https://boerneperformingarts.com/artist-info/>)

1. Watch promo video of Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain: [PROMO VIDEO](#)
2. Students “think-pair-share” what stands out about this preview (tempo, number of instruments, kinds of instruments, etc.)
3. Discuss audience manners, expectations on and off the bus, expectations as students enter and exit CHS, expectations of dealing with BPA members and other teachers.
4. Let’s talk about the ukulele. Watch this short video about the history of the ukulele: [VIDEO](#)

5. Discuss parts and strings of the ukulele. If the classroom has ukuleles, use ukuleles in whole group to name the parts and strings of the instrument.



6. The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain plays music of all genres. Check out this video where the performers incorporate their vocals as well: [Pinball Wizard](#)

- Share with a partner what you noticed about the story
- What is pinball? Where would you find a pinball game? What games do student play now?

7. If you could choose one kind of music or one particular song for Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain to play, what would you choose? Share with the group.

Assignment – Upon return from the performance, write a “thank you” note to Boerne Performing Arts, which includes information about your favorite portion of the concert or favorite artist. Students will be prepared to discuss various styles of musical pieces performed by Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain and specific musical performance criteria for the quality of the performance.