

PRESS RELEASE

British Institution and Worldwide Phenomenon, Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain to Perform in Boerne



Let the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain convince you that ukuleles are your 'cup of tea' with their very British humor and mastery of their minuscule instruments!

Boerne, TX – March 25, 2024. Boerne Performing Arts will host one of its more unusual acts Monday night, April 22, at Champion High School Auditorium when the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain comes to town. Audiences should expect the unexpected from these world-renowned musicians in an evening of delightfully unorthodox renditions crossing many musical genres performed exclusively on ukuleles, harmonizing, and lending vocals and laughs in a very British sort of way.

This famous orchestra has performed around the globe in such noted places and venues as Carnegie Hall in New York; the Polar Jazz Festival in the Arctic Circle in Svalbard, Sweden; the Royal Opera Hall in London; the Sydney Opera House in Australia; Chongqing Taindi Theatre in China; and, naturally, for Queen Elizabeth when she celebrated her 90th birthday in the UK. Its arrangements are written by the director and founding member, George Hinchliffe, or by other members of the ensemble and aim to remain faithful to the spirit and notes of the songs they cover while creating a surprising new sound with the unique character of the ukulele. The variety of ukuleles played includes all registers from soprano to bass while implementing harmonies, plucking techniques, and changes to the style or genre of familiar music to entertain audiences with something unexpectedly fresh and brilliant.

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain has had a tremendous impact on the explosion of interest in the ukulele instrument and the formation of a swell of ukulele enthusiast groups worldwide. They will continue to educate and raise interest with tomorrow's musicians right here in Boerne by participating in a student outreach program for BISD fourth graders in a special FOR KIDS! performance. These programs are offered at no charge to the students and are a foundational commitment for Boerne Performing Arts as they host internationally acclaimed artists to enhance exposure to the arts for young audiences. In addition, the Champion High School Orchestra will perform in the lobby before the show and at intermission and artwork by area middle school students will be displayed. Concessions will be offered by the orchestra booster organization.

Visit <u>www.BoernePerformingArts.com</u> for tickets (\$60 - \$40 - \$30 - \$20 student) and a preview of the artists. For questions, call the Boerne Performing Arts Message Line at 830-331-9079.