

Afterschool Ukes

Jan. 17 - March 27, 2012



Ukulele's are hot, hot, hot! Elvis George Harrison and John Lennon, Joe Strummer of the Clash, Marilyn Monroe, Madonna and Eddie Vedder have all played the uke. They come in all shapes and styles, and everybody's playing them again. With the explosion of events such as Ukestock, Ukepalooza, and Ukefest, the lowly uke has resurged to redeem itself as a respected instrument that is fun to play, portable, and easy to learn.

Mark Goodney, Director with the Worcester County Light Opera and the Worcester Men of Song, will lead these classes to teach ukulele playing fundamentals, using the "Ukulele in the Classroom" method developed by James Hill and J. Chalmers Doane which has been widely used in Canadian schools for years to teach musical literacy.

Afterschool Ukes will be offered as a 10-week course on Tuesday afternoons from January 17 through March 27 for fourth and fifth graders at Major Edwards Elementary School, and for grades six through twelve at West Boylston Middle/High School.

Dates: Tuesdays, January 17 – March 27, 2012

Times: 2:15 – 3:05 pm – WB Middle/High School (grades 6- 12)

3:15 – 4:15 pm – Major Edwards Elementary (grades 4&5)

Cost: \$75, includes lesson book.

Ukuleles may be borrowed from Mark Goodney for a \$75 deposit; however, students are encouraged to purchase their own ukulele (a good ukulele may be purchased for as little as \$40 to \$65); a digital tuner is also recommended.

Pre-registration is required. Email arts@wbaf.org, or call Mark Baldi at 508-835-6489 to register.

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