
Beginning Ukulele

OSHER 595-001

Dates: Wednesdays: October 14 – November 18

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Online via Zoom

Instructor: Marci Villa

Course Description:

Learning to play the ukulele is fun and easy. This versatile instrument can be played in any style from rock and roll to gospel, old classics to new songs. This course is for soprano, alto, and tenor C-tuned ukuleles. We will learn the various parts of the ukulele and their functions, how to play 12 ukulele chords, and how to strum simple songs. Music is provided.

Materials required:

A soprano, alto or tenor (C-tuned) ukulele

Course Overview:

Week 1: Recognizing the parts of the ukulele and their functions. Holding the ukulele, strumming beginning chords of C, F, C7, G7, and Am.

Week 2: Learn D7 and A7 chords and traditional and easy Hawaiian songs.

Week 3: Learn E7 and A chords. Using previously provided songs to conduct an open play where learners choose the song of their choice to play.

Week 4: Learn D and G chords. Add to our library of popular songs to play and also conduct open play.

Week 5: Learn songs that are identified with the ukulele such as I'm Yours, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, and Tonight You Belong to Me.

Week 6: Learn Dm, Bb and Bb alternative of Gm7 and Gm chords. Learn how to read music that has tabs and the concept of picking out the melody of a song. Learn the technique of Travis Picking.

Method of Instruction: Classes will be very hands-on to include a demonstration of techniques to achieve desired results.