

Whole class instrument learning - ukulele

Key Composers

Ukulele players and songwriters
Israel "Iz" Israel Ka'ano'i Kamakawiwo'ole (1959-1997)

Israel "Iz" Israel Ka'ano'i Kamakawiwo'ole, also called Bruddah IZ or just simply IZ, was a Hawaiian musician, singer, songwriter. He took the song *Somewhere over the Rainbow* from *The Wizard of Oz* and changed the melody and style to fit the Ukulele.



The Beatles (1960-1970)

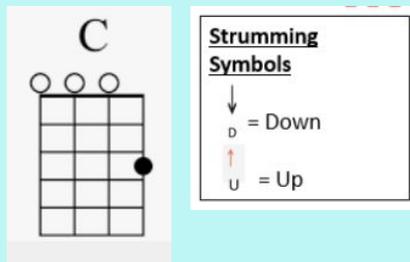
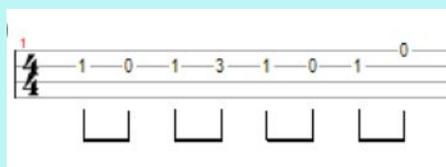
The Beatles was a band from Liverpool. Their catchy songs made them world famous and they are also considered to be one of the best-selling music acts of all time, with an estimated sale of 600 million copies. Their song 'Here comes the Sun' wasn't written for ukulele but it's high chords and melody suit it well. Two of the Beatles, Ringo Starr and Paul McCartney are still alive today.



Interesting ukulele fact

Famous astronaut Neil Armstrong had a great passion for the ukulele!

Key chords, tablature and strumming patterns



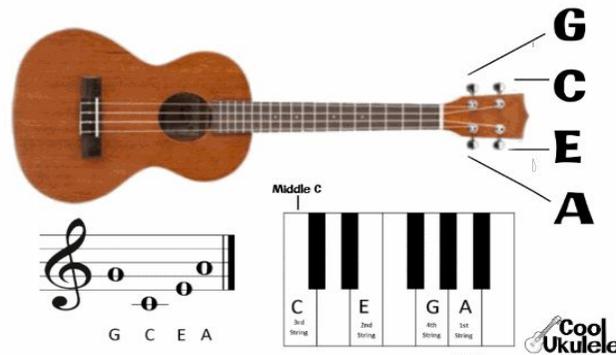
Key Skills

- Hold the ukulele correctly.
- Pluck the strings using fingers and thumb.
- Read basic tablature - numbers on the frets.
- Read chords and know where to place fingers.
- Know the names of the strings.
- Read basic strumming patterns.

Key Vocabulary

tuning pegs	Twisting these will make the string tighter or slacker and tune them correctly.
sound hole	The hole where the sound echoes and makes the sound longer.
fret	The lines on the neck.
fretboard	The whole section of frets along the neck.
bridge	The strings run from the bridge to the tuning pegs.
chord	A chord can be strummed using all four strings and changing the positions of the fingers on the frets.
tab	A way to write ukulele and guitar music.
major	A kind of chord: C major, F major - Cm Fm.
minor	A kind of chord which can sound sadder than a major chord: A minor - Am.

High-G Ukulele Tuning



Popular songs to listen to with ukulele

- Somewhere over the rainbow - Israel 'IZ' Kamakawiwo'ole
- Hey Soul Sister - Train
- Can't help falling in love with you - Twenty one pilots (Elvis cover)
- Here comes the Sun - The Beatles

Songs to learn on ukulele

It's raining it's pouring, Freres Jacques, Shortnin' Bread

