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**SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES PRESENTS  
THE UKULELE ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN**



**Tuesday, April 16, 2024 | 7:30pm  
Herbst Theatre**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA** – March 12, 2024 – San Francisco Performances (SFP) presents the wildly popular **Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain** on **Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 7:30pm** at **Herbst Theatre**. **Tickets are \$90/\$75/\$60** and can be purchased at [sfperformances.org](http://sfperformances.org) or by calling **415.392.2545**. Tickets can also be purchased at the door as available, including **50% off student rush tickets** and **20% off senior rush tickets**.

“We can't wait for the return of the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain. Their concert is sure to encapsulate the best of British humor and wit -- from the dry and sardonic to the madcap and just plain silly. There is a truly something for everyone whenever they perform.” — Melanie Smith, SFP President

**ABOUT THE UKULELE ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN**

Created in 1985 by Kitty Lux and George Hinchliffe, **The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain** is a group of all-singing, all-strumming ukulele players which believes that all genres of music are available for reinterpretation, as long as they are played on the ukulele.

A concert by the Ukulele Orchestra is a funny, virtuosic, twanging, awesome, foot-stomping obituary of rock-n-roll and melodious light entertainment featuring only the ukulele and a menagerie of voices in a collision of post-punk performance and toe-tapping oldies. There are no drums, pianos, backing tracks or

banjos, no pitch shifters or electronic trickery—only an astonishing revelation of the rich palette of orchestration afforded by ukuleles and singing.

Going from Tchaikovsky to AC/DC via The Cranberries and Spaghetti Western soundtracks, the Orchestra vows to take audiences on “a world tour with only hand luggage.” Using instruments small and large, in high and low registers, whether playing intricate melodies, simple tunes, or complex chords, and sitting in chamber group format dressed in formal evening wear, the Orchestra uses the limitations of the instrument to create a musical freedom as it reveals unsuspected musical insights.

Both the beauty and vacuity of popular and highbrow music are highlighted, the pompous and the trivial, the moving and the amusing. Sometimes a foolish song can touch an audience more than high art; sometimes music which takes itself too seriously is revealed to be hilarious.

The Ukes have played sold-out shows all over the world, including Carnegie Hall, Sydney Opera House, The Royal Albert Hall and many more.

[Watch](#) the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

**The evening’s program will be announced from the stage.**

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**Please note our health and safety protocols:** Masks and up-to-date vaccinations are encouraged but not required to attend our performances. This policy will be adjusted if city or state health orders change.

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### **ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES**

San Francisco Performances has been a leader in the Bay Area cultural scene since our founding in 1979. With a strong curatorial vision and adventurous programming, we are the city’s premier presenter of intimate concerts and solo performances.

We have introduced hundreds of established and emerging classical music, jazz, and dance artists to audiences, including Yo-Yo Ma, the Juilliard String Quartet, Philip Glass, Wendy Whelan, and the Paul Taylor Dance Company. We also champion a new generation, committed to building a contemporary and equitable repertoire. Performers like the Catalyst Quartet, violinist Jennifer Koh, tenor Lawrence Brownlee, and pianist/composer Vijay Iyer are moving their art into the present and future, making it accessible to younger audiences while converting many traditionalists to new possibilities. They represent the path forward.

Quality, intimacy, and connection are the hallmarks of San Francisco Performances. We nurture unique relationships with today’s best artists to create an accessible, warm, and engaging arts experience.

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**WHERE:** Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Avenue (at McAllister), San Francisco

**PROGRAM:** To be announced from the stage

**CONCERT TICKETS:** \$90/\$75/\$60

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