

46th SEASON



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



**Friday, May 1, 2026 | 7:30pm
Herbst Theatre**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – April 8, 2026 – San Francisco Performances (SFP) wraps up its 46th season in a madcap way: an evening with **The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain** on **Friday, May 1, 2026, 7:30pm** at **Herbst Theatre**.

Tickets are \$100/\$85/\$70 and can be purchased at 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 think of a better or more fun way to conclude our 46th season than this concert with the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain. We’re delighted to bring them back for a third time to the Herbst Theatre, which has now become their Bay Area home. Their performance is sure to be an unforgettable highlight of the season.” — Melanie Smith, SFP President

The evening’s program will be announced from the stage

ABOUT THE UKULELE ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain is a live show, a musical and entertainment team, a company and a brand which has successfully and independently put on live shows for 40 years.

Tours have included the UK, the US, Europe, Asia, Australasia and beyond. Notable gigs have included headlining and selling out at The Royal Albert Hall, Sydney Opera House, Carnegie Hall, The Vienna Opera House, Glastonbury Festival, WOMAD, Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, The Barbican and many significant venues all over the world.

The UOGB has deliberately never “signed” to a record label, publishing company, PR company, management company or other orthodox music business entity, although it has licensed its productions to CBS, Sony, and other record companies or entities in the UK, Asia, USA and beyond, and has had significant radio and TV exposure in many countries.

Many reviewers have noted that concerts by the UOGB are virtuosic, amusing, entertaining, witty, quirky and irreverent. The performers use only acoustic ukuleles and voices, without electronic effects. Nevertheless, they achieve a hard-rocking sound when playing pop music, and a sensitive, nuanced sound when playing pieces with a classical basis. The Orchestra is held as the world’s first Ukulele Orchestra, which started the fashion for ukulele ensembles and other Ukulele Orchestras and has been an inspiration for ukulele social groups which have proliferated in many countries since 1985, the year of the UOGB’s foundation.

Peter Brooke Turner | Soprano ukulele

Ben Hales | Baritone ukulele


Ben Rouse | Tenor ukulele

Leisa Rea | Concert & Sopranino ukulele

Guy Hargreaves | Concert ukulele

Laura Currie | Tenor ukulele

Laurie Higgins | Bass ukulele

Watch  [Should I Stay Or Should I Go - The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain](#)

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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PROGRAM: To be announced from the stage

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