

Ukulele



<p>Who can play the ukulele?</p>	<p><i>The ukulele appeals to people of all ages. (It is particularly good for younger children who may find other instruments quite large to handle). They come in a range of bright appealing colours too.</i></p>
<p>If it is not suitable for everyone, what alternative instrument would you recommend and why?</p>	<p><i>Ukuleles are small and high pitched. Some may prefer to play the guitar.</i></p>
<p>What qualities of the ukulele are special?</p>	<p><i>The ukulele can be used to play melodies, (solo and in groups) but is particularly good for chord playing too.</i> <i>Many players learn to sing and play at the same time. There is a massive repertoire available now for ukulele.</i></p>
<p>Learning to play any instrument develops lots of new skills. What are the particular benefits of playing the ukulele?</p>	<p><i>It is a very social instrument. Small and portable. A mini guitar – almost!</i> <i>Musica Kirklees now has lots of ukulele groups, community groups at centres and groups for the over 55s at Beaumont Park and also in care homes in Kirklees.</i></p>
<p>Are there any famous musicians or pieces associated with the ukulele?</p>	<p><i>The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain, U900 (Japanese puppets)</i></p>
<p>Any other useful information:</p>	<p><i>The ukulele comes in different sizes. Most start with a soprano uke and move up to the concert or tenor sizes.</i> <i>You can buy a ukulele from £20 upwards.</i> <i>Always aim to purchase a ukulele with geared machine heads.</i></p>