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Welcome to the Second Annual Grand Northern Ukulele Festival

Thank you on behalf of the festival organisers, performers and volunteers, for joining us here in Huddersfield for our second go at putting on a big, fun, friendly, silly and unique festival. Grand Northern Ukulele Festival is run by a small team of organisers who've all been playing music (some of us terribly) for most of our lives. We are passionate about music and are honoured to have spent our time putting this festival together for you. As well as seeing some wonderful musical performances, we hope you will take time out to participate in one of the opportunities to create things, play things, meet new people who share your interests, learn from others, and share your knowledge in return.

We have once again been working closely with local organisation, **Faceless Arts** in the run-up to festival. Their Space to Create will host sculpture workshops, performances & an Open Mic outside on the Sunday.

We love Huddersfield Town Hall and hope you will too. The town hall team (and Kirklees Council more widely) have been a pleasure to work with. While we're at it, we'd like to say a special word of thanks to Clarice Wokes (whose Herculean efforts amaze us all). And before we go, we must say that we couldn't do it without the awesome help and support of our friends & family, the amazing performers, volunteers, sponsors & others involved in the festival. We are deeply thankful to you all.

We have tried to build something awesome and we hope you have a grand time!

-The GNUF Team

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Performers



THE UKULELE ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN

Now with more songs, more tunes, and with yet more added bonus ukuleles, including the tiny sopranino, the contrabass, and the fuzz-distorted, portable “non-mains-electricity” Judas Ukulele! From “Housewives Choice” to “Voodoo Chile”, the ukes’ genre-crashing antics continue.

Spring-fresh after invigorating winter touring in Switzerland, USA, Germany, Shetland, Denmark and Sweden, and prior to this year’s tour of China, the rabble-rousing, crowd-pleasing, all-singing, all-plucking ensemble returns to tour the UK. This timeless group brings a new, lively immediacy to its material in a hilarious, entertaining, witty shopping trolley dash through all genres of music, from pompous classical to trivial pop, and vice versa.

With favourite tunes and songs from their “Live at Sydney Opera House” DVD and bringing previews of previously unheard new tracks from the forthcoming 2014 album, the Ukes bring portraits and caricatures of well known songs, sketches and impressions of the whole range of sonic arts.

Don’t take their celebrity fans word for it, whether Michael Palin, Timothy West, Bette Midler, David Bowie, Brian Eno, Michael Gambon or Jeremy Paxman. See and hear for yourself why superlative word-of-mouth recommendations have led to sold out shows and standing ovations all over the world.

If the sheer entertainment appeal of the UkesGB (the original Ukulele Orchestra, the oldest and best) could be bottled, it would increase your well-being in one dose. Failing that, experience the boost by joining the Ukes live. And recreate rock history by shouting “Judas” when they claim to be going electric.



Del Rey

Del Rey will leave you speechless, breathless and totally clueless as to how she makes her uke sing the way it does. Jazz and Blues in the most amazing finger-style ukulele, Del Rey provides an entertaining show, full of variety, drama and humour. Think of what you are expecting, then scrap it because Del Rey blends things, makes the inaccessible accessible, with a nostalgia, that is, somehow, fresh and new. "The 'ukulele taken to a new level of musicianship". (John Book)



Andy Eastwood

The hardest working man in the world of ukulele, Andy is constantly touring and performing as a multi-instrumentalist and vocalist as well as a ukulele virtuoso. Andy belongs to a new generation of artists who are bringing variety entertainment into the 21st century. "A one-man music festival". (Ken Dodd)



Zoë Bestel

Zoë Bestel is a 16 year old singer/songwriter and talented musician who has become a firm favourite on the acoustic festival circuit. She performs with all the confidence of someone twice her age, and her song writing is direct, lyrical and beautiful. "She's destined for stardom." (Toby Young ~ The Spectator)



The Tricity Vogue All Girl Swing Band

Tricity's All Girl Swing Band is inspired by the Leeds-born band-leader Ivy Benson's band which became the BBC Resident Dance Band in 1943. Incorporating much-loved vintage tunes, pop numbers given the retro treatment, and many of Tricity's cheeky originals.

Mother Ukers

Bournemouth's own exponents of Ukular Fusion cover just about every musical genre – pop, punk, classic rock, jazz, blues and bluegrass! The Mother Ukers unleash the power of their ukuleles and guarantee to tickle your ears, kiss your soul, and get them feet a tapping!



Krabbbers

Meaningful, funny, deep, insightful, heart-wrenchingly sad or downright silly, singer/songwriter, Krabbbers has a song for everyone and for any occasion. One man and a tree full of ukuleles and the audience is silently enthralled by the haunting voice and truly brilliant songs.

Mersey Belles

Nancy and Pearl are The Mersey Belles, who perform fabulous renditions of classics from the 40's and 50's while making songs from the 21st century sound even better in an older style. A wonderful fusion of ukulele playing and superb close-harmony singing, the Belles are not to be missed.





Chonkinfeckle

Here they are again, by popular demand, Wigan's own international ambassadors, Chonkinfeckle. They have been called a "surprise hit" at so many festivals, it should no longer be a surprise that The Chonks were the first act to be booked for GNUF 2014!



The Anything Goes Orchestra

Festival favourites TAGO closed last year's GNUF with such a bang, that we had to have them back. It is hard to imagine anyone in the room having a better time than the band, but, incredibly, the audience does – in spades!

Some Like it Ossett

Although Some Like It Ossett has been wowing various music festivals throughout the UK, this is the first actual ukulele festival they have played. Playing an eclectic mix of tunes and styles in idiosyncratic, sing-along arrangements, Some Like It Ossett will get the festival started in joyous style.



Vonck & Vlam

A Theatrical musical show with Gerard Vonck & Gertrude Vlam, who'll take the audience through the mountains and valleys of love. These characters sing the beautiful songs of the twenties and thirties on ukulele, accordion, spoons, washboard, and Kazoo.

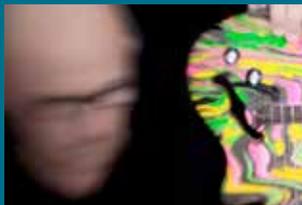
It's not just about the performances on the main stage.

Phil Doleman



Phil Doleman is not only an ace finger-style jazz/blues uke player, he's one of the most accomplished performers on the ukulele circuit today. In addition to workshops, Phil joins us on the Fringe stage Saturday morning and elsewhere here and there at the festival.

Lionel Hubert



Lionel Hubert (also known as, "the K" is an astonishingly talented player. He's been around on the European uke scene for nearly a decade and he's always played surprising & surprisingly excellent music. He's playing Head of Steam Friday night & the Fringe on Saturday morning.

Dead Mans Uke



Father & Son duo Tim and Jake Smithies need no introduction, really. Dead Mans Uke is their uke duo and, together, they play stonkingly good versions of swing and jazz classics, a few pop songs and the occasional surprise. They're on the Fringe on Saturday morning & elsewhere as they choose.

Ukulelezaza



Ukulelezaza is a proper legend in the uke world. He's played since he was a small child (when his mum ran the local Formby society). He runs his own festival (Burning Uke in Ghent). He's written 2 ace uke books & he's one of the best players we've ever seen. See him Saturday at the Fringe.

Michael Adcock



Those who attended last year's GNUF may remember Michael (the teenage boy who took the stage for just a moment on the Sunday afternoon & wowed the crowd). Well he was so good we've invited him back. Look for him on the Fringe Saturday morning & elsewhere (perhaps with Zaza).

Peter Moss



Peter Moss needs no introduction. He's played the ukulele banjo for ages and, after a bit of time away, returned to the UK scene recently with all the skill and talent we'd come to expect. Peter plays the Fringe stage on Saturday.

Heidi Bang Tidy **EEK**



Back for another year (after rave reviews for her frankly hilarious performance last year), Heidi will be compering the mainstage at the Town Hall once again! Expect to laugh a bit harder than you perhaps should.



A welcome return to the award winning EEK the Clown who has been delighting children and adults alike with his hysterical antics at festivals and events since his appearance at last year's GNUF. You won't want to miss him!

Uke of Carl



Carl plays in the awesome Mr. Wilson's Second Liners, and teaches school children across West Yorkshire to play the ukulele. He'll be around throughout the festival.

Jessica Bowie



The lovely, Leeds-based, Jessica Bowie teaches ukulele to children of all ages and she'll be running free absolute beginners workshops at the festival. See OTHER GOINGS ON in the festival timeline for details.

Unplug the Wood with Krabbers



Miike Hayllor (aka Krabbers) will be running a session of his infamous, "Unplug the Wood" sessions as well as an Open No Mic.

Pop-up Events

Watch for Pop-up events in the Town Hall, at the record store, outside in town and elsewhere. Our performers, vendors and GNUF team have been making all manner of plans.

Of course, this being a ukulele festival you could just meet up with friends old and new and play a song or two wherever you find yourself.

And now for something completely different...



Ringo Music Bingo

Carlsberg don't do music-intro/comedy based games, but if they did it wouldn't be as good as... RINGO: MUSIC BINGO

Come along & see for yourself!

Breakfast* with the Ink Spots

Does exactly what it says on the tin. Breakfast (*or tea) with a healthy dose of The Ink Spots. It's music to help your tea go down & a bit of comedy to boot.



Festival

Saturday

MAINSTAGE (Huddersfield Town Hall)

3.00pm	Some Like it Ossett
3.40pm	The Mersey Belles
4.20pm	Krabbers
5.00pm	The Mother Ukers
TEA TIME – Break 5.30 – 7.00pm	
7.00pm	The Tricity Vogue All-Girl Swing Band
7.50pm	Zoë Bestel
8.30pm	Andy Eastwood
9.00pm	Del Rey
9.40pm	Star JAM – have your ukes ready to join in!
9.50pm	Finale – Hey Jude

FRINGE STAGE (Downstairs at Vinyl Tap)

11.00am	Peter Moss
11.30am	Dead Mans Uke
12.00pm	Ringo Music Bingo
12.45pm	Lional Hubert
1.00pm	Phil Doleman
1.30pm	Ukulelezaza
1.45pm	Michael Adcock

OTHER GOINGS ON

- 5.45pm – **Tea with the Ink Spots** – Old Courtroom
- 5.45pm – **Unplug the Wood** (a ukey play-along kinda thing led by Krabbers) – Council Chamber
- 5.45pm – **Thoughts on commissioning a ukulele** with Rob Collins & Chonkinfeckle's own Les Hilton – Meeting room 2
- 6.15pm – **Open mic** – Council Chamber
- 6.15pm – **Free Absolute Beginners workshop** – Meeting Room 1
- Jam session** – After the mainstage finishes – The Head of Steam Pub

Workshops both days



A handy map of for you
Everything is in the Town Hall except
Create (just outside the Town Hall) &

**Festival wristbands (& ans
GNUF merchandise table in the**

Timetable



Sunday

MAINSTAGE (Huddersfield Town Hall)

- 11.30am Mainstage Mashup
Unexpected combinations of mainstage performers playing songs together
- 12.00pm Chonkinfeckle
- 12.40pm The Anything Goes Orchestra

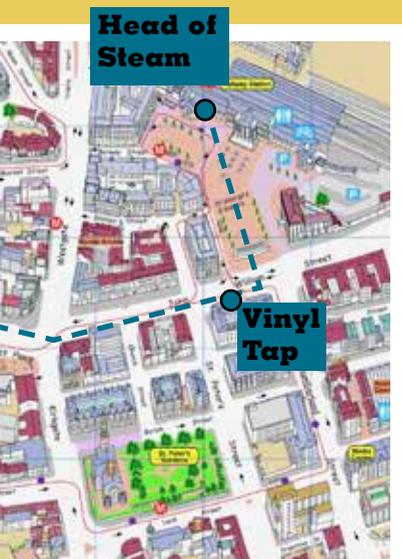
– Break for Ukulele Orchestra workshop & soundcheck –

- 5.00pm **The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain performs A Fistful of Ukuleles**
- 7:00pm Festival closes. See you next year!

(details on next page)

OTHER GOINGS ON

- 10.00am – **Breakfast with the Ink Spots** – Old Courtroom (Town Hall Bar)
- 10.00am – **GNUF on Tour meeting** (to discuss future tours) – Meeting Room 2
- 10.30am – **Ringo Music Bingo** – Old Courtroom
- 10.30am – **Sculpture workshops** – Space to Create (Marquee outside - at Library opposite)
- 1.30pm – **Vonck & Vlam perform** – Space to Create
- 2.00pm – **Open (no) mic** – Council Chamber
- 2.00pm **Free Absolute Beginners workshop** – Ceremony Room
- 2.30pm – Spen Valley Troubadors & Goole Players – Space to Create
- 3.00pm – **Open mic** – Space to Create
- 3.15pm – **Unplug the Wood** – Council Chamber
- Jam session** – After the mainstage finishes – The Head of Steam Pub



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he entrance to the Town Hall.**

ADDED EXTRA:

Lionel K. Hubert – Friday night, at the Head of Steam Pub, 8:30pm (followed by uke jamming of all sorts).

WORKSHOPS:

Saturday

Council Chambers

9:30am

Ken Middleton

Less is More
(New for 2014!)

Meeting Room 1

Adam Franklin

Hot Jazz Rhythm
Picking!

Meeting Room 2

11 am

Phil Doleman

Unlocking More of
the Fingerboard

Ukulelezaza

12th Street Rag
Workshop

Les Hilton

Exploring Open Tuning
for the Ukulele

12:30pm

Del Rey

Jug Band Blues Party

Build Your Own
Washtub Bass

2 pm

Peter Moss

From Major to
Minor - What
Could Be Finer?

Tricity Vogue

Swinging With Tricity

Mother Ukers

Record (and release!)
a song with Mother
Ukers

Spaces available on some workshops!

You can find out which ones have room & book your place at the festival merchandise table up to 5 minutes before a workshop starts (in the entrance to the Town Hall).

Sunday

**Council
Chambers**

**Meeting
Room 1**

**Meeting
Room 2**

**Ceremony
Room**

10:00am

Phil Doleman
Blues & Beyond

Ken Middleton
Decorating With Your
Left Hand*

Andy Eastwood
Focus on Formby

2 pm

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain
A Group of Plucking Ukes workshop

In the main hall

3 pm

Vonck & Vlam
Clowning Around -
Physical & Visual
Comedy With a Uke

Rob Collins
Build Your Own
Diddley Bow

Mersey Belles
The Mersey Belle
Northern Ukulele
Busk Off

* Fusion Bags has kindly sponsored Del Rey's workshop. Tinguitar.com has provided materials & support to both the Diddley Bow & Washtub Bass workshops.

KEY:

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**MAKING
THINGS**

PERFORMING

The Grand Bazaar

Try (or buy) a new ukulele, meet some of the ukulele builders and shop owners or just browse and have a chat.

Over a dozen vendors will be selling their wares over the weekend. Stalls differ a bit on Saturday and Sunday so be sure to check it out both days.

We have, once again, arranged for a vibrant mix of stalls and vendors in our festival bazaar.

Our stall-holders include your favourite music stores, ukulele ceramics, luthiers and, by popular request, the Ukunaile™ team will return on Sunday so be sure to stop by the Bazaar and check it out. You could even get your own set of silk nail-wraps to toughen up your fingernails for serious strumming!



Top Tip!

There are some great deals to be had at the bazaar and some stalls offer surprise discounts on the spot or at random times throughout the weekend so do check back often!

While you'll not see him in the Bazaar this year we wanted to mention ukulele luthier, Rob Collins as he's given loads of his business' time and money to the festival. He'll be around all weekend (helping out). He'll also be doing a talk with Les Hilton (of Chonkinfeckle) about commissioning ukes.

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The idea behind a Festival Cider

Local business, The Real Cider Company has developed a Yorkshire-made cider (pressed in Holmfirth) for us. Our festival designer worked with them to design the pump-clip & sales of the cider will help make future GNUF events possible.



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During the build-up to the Tour de France, children, parents, mums, dads, schools & community groups made bunting (miles and miles of it). That bunting went from the bottom to the top of Cragg Vale (the longest continuous ascent in England) and won the Guinness world record for its length.

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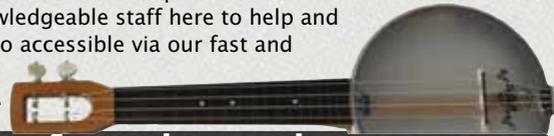
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**Just some of the fabulous prizes
to be won in the GNUF raffle**



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Get Your Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets will be available throughout the weekend on the festival merchandise stall (along with all manner of other things). We're told there's also a **tombola!?!** in the vicinity with all manner of fun & silly prizes!





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