

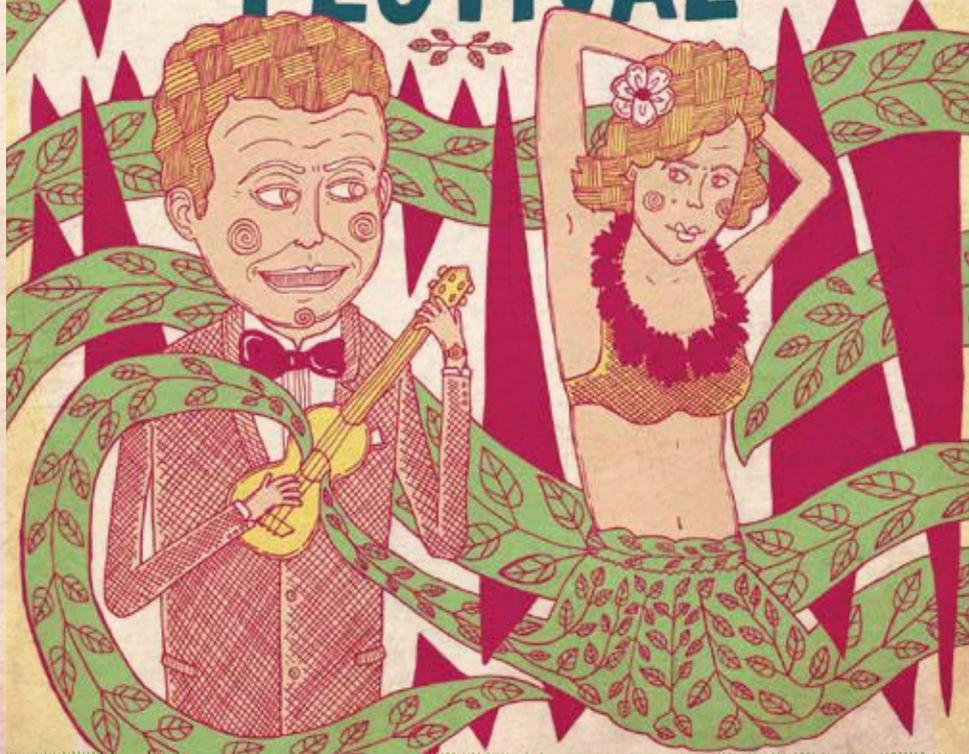
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GRAND GALA AT HUDDERSFIELD TOWN HALL



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AND MORE...

THANK YOU

If you know anything about us, you'll know that we believe the most important thing to say (and the first thing to say) is a word of thanks. We are so very glad you're here. We are immensely grateful to our artists, sponsors, family & friends for helping make this mad and brilliant thing happen. We tried to make a festival like no

other and one that we would enjoy as punters, performers and participants. We sincerely hope we've succeeded in even small ways.



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MAIN STAGE

AT THE LBT

WE ARE EXCITED TO BRING OUR FESTIVAL TO THE LAWRENCE BATLEY THEATRE!

When we first started GNUF we talked about the things that most inspired us in live performance, in the ukulele world and in the North. A key reference that kept popping up was the rich musical tradition of places like the Batley Variety Club. We chose the Lawrence Batley Theatre this year because we thought the venue and its awesome team brought something of that great Northern tradition to the festival.

We are excited to welcome you to this beautiful theatre and hope that you too find the space to be inspiring.

TOURS

This year, all of our North American artists are touring to ukulele clubs, events and folk venues around the country.

TOP PERFORMERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL BE PLAYING NEW AND FAMILIAR TUNES

MANITOBA HAL

Canada's top ukulele blues musician, we are excited to welcome Hal back to the GNUF mainstage. He's wowed audiences at clubs, concerts and festivals around the world and we expect great things from him here!



HEIDI BANG TIDY

Truly the compere beyond compare, we had people begging for her return!





SARAH MAISEL & CRAIG CHEE

Both members of this ukulele duo are talented performers in their own right. Playing together at GNUF, their live set promises to be something new, exciting, and (we suspect) rather lovely.

We make it a point to bring the world's best ukulele players to the UK for our festival and our GNUF-sponsored tours. This year, our three headliners come from Canada and the West Coast of the USA. Those of you who've been with us for a while may remember that Manitoba Hal was the headliner of our very first festival and we are pleased as punch to welcome him back.

Perhaps you, like some of us, saw Sarah Maisel & Craig Chee perform at the excellent Ukulele Festival of Great Britain last year. Not only did we think their performances were great, we loved their workshops and they seemed like some of the nicest folks we'd ever met. We are so very thankful that they are joining us this year.

The Quiet American are making their UK festival debut



THE QUIET AMERICAN

We would be lying if we said we weren't chuffed to bits to welcome Aaron & Nicole Keim to the UK for their first ever UK uke festival performance. We are massive fans of their music, books & more.

and we are seriously excited about this. We are all fans of their music. We love their books and Aaron's work with Mya Moe is nothing short of inspired. Great things are happening!

AND THERE'S A WHOLE LOT MORE!

Over the next few pages you'll see even more mainstage acts!



ZOE BESTEL

Truly one of music's rising stars, Zoë's performance was breathtaking last year. We're glad she's back.



BEN ROUSE

Want to see one of the most talented players in the world? If so, Ben's your man. That is no joke!



DEAD MANS UKE

We'll always have time for this talented father-and-son duo. Their music's ace & their style is too.



MERSEY BELLES

Vocal harmonies to die for & some of the best dresses we've ever seen... We truly love them.



MIKE WARREN

Not only is he one of the best Formby players in the world, he's an all-round gifted performer.

THE TOOTS



These guys are not only some of the nicest and most talented people we know, they are an excellent act to see live. Band member Alli Burke is behind the ace Hollesley ukulele event and it

was there that we first saw them lead crowds in a truly joyful singalong at the end of their set. We love them & we know you will too. Whatever you do, don't miss them!

KIKI LOVECHILD

You will want to kick yourself if you miss his brief performance. Just awesome!



ADAM FRANKLIN

Last year he wowed audiences with Del Rey. This year he's back & he's flying solo.



MICHAEL ADCOCK

Once you see him, you too will know why we all respond to his act with "it's not fair!".



PROFESSOR PETER AND DOCTOR DICK

Shhhh! They're onto something big. You won't want to miss this top duo.



FRANCESCO ALBERTAZZI

One of Italy's nicest performers, Francesco returns to GNUF with his excellent live act.



EDWARD ALICE

When we first heard them we knew we just had to bring them to GNUF.



EK & ELSIE

Opening the festival are two GNUF favourites. These two are truly extraordinary.



AND SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE FROM

MIKE HIND

THE FUSION STAGE



IN THE CELLAR THEATRE AT THE LBT

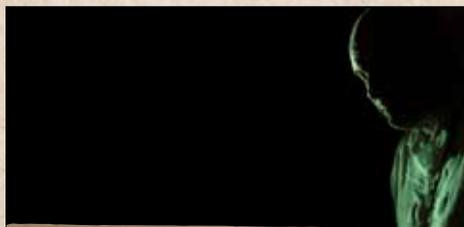
THIS STAGE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY FUSION BAGS WHOSE PRODUCTS WE ADMIRE AND WHOSE PEOPLE ARE ACE!

Keeping up our reputation for trying to do new things and doing things a bit differently, we're putting on a whole new Stage this year. We call it a Cabaret Stage because we've given every artist on it the freedom to do whatever they'd like. We don't know for certain what any of the acts will do and we quite like that. We hope new and surprising things happen here (and we're told they will!)



CHONKINFECKLE

Festival favourites and Wigan's top ukulele band, we love Chonkinfeckle & look forward to their performance on the Fusion stage.



IAN EMMERSON

He's back from the shadows (though no less dark). We've no idea what he'll do on stage but then again, we never did & he's always been ace.



KRABBERS

His original songs are beautiful, haunting and just plain great. We're so glad Krabbers is returning.



LIAM CAPPER-STARR

Not only does he run Uke East, make videos and do all manner of cool things, he's a great player, a nice guy & we're chuffed to see him.



MICHAEL SHEPHERD

This young man is a both a very talented player and an incredibly nice person. We are excited to have him & look forward to his set.



JAMIE COOPER

A true local, Jamie comes from just down the road. His original songs and skilled playing are something we're looking forward to.



ROBIN EVANS

We like tea, we like hip hop, we like ukuleles, we like original songs & we love Robin. He may be young but his performance is ace!



NO DIRECTION HOT BOYS

We are told that these gentlemen are some kind of middle-aged boy band. We are also told that they are hilarious. We believe both.



KIKI LOVECHILD

We don't want to say too much because we don't like to spoil surprises but just know... You'd be a fool to miss Kiki Lovechild.

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ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN

WE'VE ASKED KRIS BALL TO
COMPERE AND HE AGREED ON
THE PROVISIO HE COULD KEEP
SOME DETAILS A SECRET... WE'D
SAY MORE BUT IT'S A PROPER
SURPRISE. BRACE YOURSELF.

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FECKLESS & FUDDLE

These two have been surprising (confusing? terrifying? inspiring awe & joy in?) audiences up and down the North. They're wacky & awesome.



THE GRAN GALA STA

ENDING THE WEEKEND WITH A BANG WAS
A HIGHLIGHT OF LAST YEAR'S FESTIVAL
SO WE THOUGHT WE'D DO IT AGAIN!

Why wind down the festival when you can end it with a bang? After last year quite a few punters commented that they liked ending on the Sunday with something really special. Festival friend Martyn 'Eek' Cooper commented that it felt a bit like a gala and we thought that was a nice idea.

So, because we find your feedback to be inspiring, we are returning to Huddersfield Town Hall on Sunday evening to do something nice. We are bringing some of this year's festival headliners and some of last year's festival favourites together for a grand gala concert.

HEIDI BANG TIDY

Truly the Hostess with the Mostess, we had people begging for her return!



PHIL DOLEMAN

Perhaps the best & the best-known uke player in the UK. No wonder we all love him.



MOTHER UKERS

Pioneers of Ukulele Fusion, these gentlemen never fail to properly amaze.



ND AGE

SARAH MAISEL & CRAIG CHEE

We love these two so much we had to have them play twice! Two of the nicest & most talented players we know, their live sets truly are a joy.



THE GRAND
RAFFLE WILL
TAKE PLACE!

AND

WE'LL END THE WHOLE
FESTIVAL WITH A
STRUM-ALONG FOR
EVERYONE

UKULELEZAZA & FRIENDS

One of Europe's top ukulele artists, Zaza returns to do something a bit special.



U.K.E.

If you've ever seen these men perform you'll know they're utterly exceptional.





WE BELIEVE IN FOSTERING NEW TALENT SO THE FESTIVAL FRINGE RETURNS TO VINYL TAP RECORDS WITH THESE (NEW) TOP ACTS, EACH DEBUTING AT THE FESTIVAL!

THE FRINGE STAGE

FESTIVAL

DEBUTS

DID YOU KNOW EACH OF THESE ARTISTS APPLIED TO PLAY VIA OUR WEB-CALL FOR NEW ACTS?

RIC MC CORMICK

His original songs are hilarious. His covers of country songs are astonishing. Don't miss Ric.



KRIS BALL

There truly are no words to describe the dark, brilliantly fun songs of Kris.



UKULELE ALLSORTS

Also known as Lizzie Panton, this woman is a musical force to be reckoned with and we cannot wait to see her perform live.



BENJAMYN REES

Benjamyin is a legend. This is a fact.



NO DIRECTION HOT BOYS

Playing here just as the boys, perhaps the best boy band ever.



AND

MIKE HIND AS COMPERE

The most excellent Mike Hind has agreed to comperere. He may even play a song if you ask nicely!



& IT ALL ENDS WITH RINGO MUSIC BINGO

STALLS & SUCH



Over a dozen vendors will be selling their wares over the week-end. 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 more!

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!

BROWSE

TRY

AND BUY

SATURDAY

FESTIVAL

WHAT IS HAPPENING (A

MAINSTAGE

LAWRENCE BATLEY THEATRE WRISTBAND EXCHANGE FROM 9.45AM

- 2.00pm Eek & Elsie
2.30pm Mike Hind & Ben Rouse
2.45pm Michael Adcock
3.10pm Edward Alice
3.40pm Professor Peter & Doctor Dick
4.05pm Adam Franklin
4.35pm The Toots

TEA TIME – Break 5.00 – 7.00pm

- 7.00pm Sarah Maisel & Craig Chee
7.35pm Mersey Belles
8.05pm Ben Rouse
8.35pm Manitoba Hal
9.00pm Kiki Lovechild
9.15pm The Quiet American
9.45pm Saturday Finale

AND MORE...

- From 10.30am – **Grand Bazaar** Stalls Open
12.00pm – **Open (No) Mic / Mim's Sideshow** – Courtyard
5.30pm – **Meet the Maker** (Beltona Resonator Ukles) – Meeting room
5.30pm – Return of the **Open (No) Mic / Mim's Sideshow** – Courtyard
6.00pm – **Tea with the Ink Spots** – Lawrence Batley Theatre Bar
6.15pm – **Free Absolute Beginners Workshop** – Meeting Room
Jam session – After the mainstage finishes – Head of Steam Pub

FUSION STAGE

(IN THE CELLAR THEATRE AT THE LBT)

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|---------|-----------------------|---------|-------------------|
| 16.05pm | No Direction Hot Boys | 17.40pm | Jamie Cooper |
| 16.25pm | Liam Capper-Starr | 17.55pm | Michael Shepherd |
| 16.40pm | Kiki Lovechild | 18.10pm | Robin Evans |
| 16.50pm | Krabbers | 18.25pm | Feckless & Fuddle |
| 17.15pm | Ian Emmerson | 18.40pm | Chonkinfeckle |

FRIDAY NIGHT:

Thank Uke It's Friday – A GNUF Showcase by Krabbers (& friends) – 7pm at Keys C
Mike Hind at the Head of Steam – Friday night at 8pm (followed by uke jamming of

SUNDAY

AL TIMES

AND WHERE AND WHEN)

MAINSTAGE

(LAWRENCE BATLEY THEATRE)

WRISTBAND EXCHANGE FROM 9.15AM

1.00pm	Dead Mans Uke
1.35pm	Mike Warren
2.00pm	Francesco Albertazzi
2.30pm	Mainstage Mash-Up
2.50pm	Zoë Bestel
3.15pm	Mass Strum

AND MORE...

- 9.40am – **An Actual Sunday Service** – Meet in LBT Courtyard to join Eek, Elsie, & Clarice for a bit of church & song
- From 10.00am – **Grand Bazaar Stalls Open**
- 10.30am – **Breakfast with the Ink Spots** – LBT Bar
- 11.45am – **Ringo Music Bingo** – LBT Bar
- 12.00pm – **Sculpture Workshops** – Space to Create (Marquee outside Library - opposite Town Hall)
- 3.00pm – Return of the **Sculpture Workshops** – Space to Create
- 4.00pm – **Mersey Belles BUSK OFF FINALE** – Space to Create
- 4.30pm – **Open Mic** – Space to Create
- Jam session** – After the mainstage finishes – The Head of Steam Pub

GRAND GALA CONCERT (HUDDERSFIELD TOWN HALL)

6.00pm	Mother Ukers
6.30pm	Phil Doleman
7.00pm	Ukulelezaza & Friends
7.30pm	U.K.E.
	– RAFFLE –
8.15pm	Sarah Maisel & Craig Chee

**FESTIVAL WRISTBANDS
(& ANSWERS TO YOUR
QUESTIONS) AT THE
GNUF MERCHANDISE
TABLE BY THE BOX
OFFICE AT THE
LAWRENCE BATLEY
THEATRE**

**FRINGE STAGE
(DOWNSTAIRS AT
VINYL TAP)**

11.00am	Mike Hind
11.15am	Ukulele Allsorts
11.30am	Kris Ball
11.50pm	Ric McCormick
12.10pm	Benjamyn Rees
12.30pm	No Direction Hot Boys
12.45pm	Ringo Music Bingo



Cafe in town.
(all sorts).

WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY

IN THE ATTIC THEATRE

**FOR WORKSHOPS
IN THE ATTIC -
PLEASE CONGREGATE
IN THE COURTYARD
(NEAR MIM'S STAGE)
TO BE TAKEN TO THE
SPACE.**

11:15 AM

**MIKE
WARREN**

FORMBY AND MORE

12:30 PM

**MERSEY
BELLES**

GRAND NORTHERN
UKULELE BUSK OFF

IN THE MEETING ROOM

10:00 AM

BEN ROUSE

IT'S ALL ABOUT
THAT UKULELE BASS

11:15 AM

**MOTHER
UKERS**

WHOSE UKE IS IT
ANYWAY?

12:30 PM

ROB COLLINS

BUILD YOUR OWN 3
STRING SLIDE GUITAR

IN THE CELLAR THEATRE

10:00 AM

**SARAH
MAISEL**

JAZZ BLUES

11:15 AM

**AARON
KEIM/
QUIET
AMERICAN**

FINGER STYLE UKE

12:30 PM

**MANITOBA
HAL**

LEARN TO PLAY ANY
SONG BY EAR

AND MORE...

**HELPING
ARTISTS
MAKE NEW
THINGS &
SHARE THEM**

We have always been massive fans of art and music and we wholly believe that for great things to happen collaboration is key. This year we spoke to people from all over, asking them to have a go at making new things happen. Thanks to our excellent sponsors, festival friends & talented artists we've been able to facilitate a collaboration between Manitoba Hal & Phil Doleman, a brand new workshop by Ukulelezaza & a new book by Jake Smithies.

SUNDAY

IN THE ATTIC THEATRE

9:30 AM

UKULELEZAZA

THE VELVET TOUCH
OF UKULELEZAZA

10:45 AM

LES HILTON

POCKET FULL O'
RIFFS

12 NOON

**MERSEY
BELLES**

RETURN OF THE
GRAND NORTHERN
UKULELE BUSK OFF

IN THE MEETING ROOM

9:30 AM

**MANITOBA
HAL**

SLIDE UKULELE TIPS
& TRICKS

10:45 AM

ROB COLLINS

BUILD YOUR OWN
AMP

12 NOON

**MARTYN
COOPER
'EEK'**

WHAT A
PERFORMANCE

IN THE CELLAR THEATRE

9:30 AM

CRAIG CHEE

BOOT CAMP V2.0

10:45 AM

**PHIL
DOLEMAN**

JAMMING
ESSENTIALS

12 NOON

**ADAM
FRANKLIN**

BLUES AND RAGTIME



GERALD, FROM
JAKES SMITHIES'
NEW BOOK

MOTHER UKERS WILL
ALSO BE HOSTING A
POP-UP LIVE LOUNGE
AT UNDISCLOSED
TIMES THROUGHOUT
THE WEEKEND

4 PM
AT HUDDERSFIELD
TOWN HALL

**PHIL
DOLEMAN**

JAZZING IT UP

NEW



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SPACE TO CREATE IS BACK

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, OVER
ON THE LIBRARY LAWN, THE BIG
INFLATABLE MARQUEE RETURNS
WITH ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES



INSPIRED BY KRABBERS,
WE'VE ASKED MIM TO
HOST AN OPEN (NO)-MIC
IN THE LBT COURTYARD
ON SATURDAY.

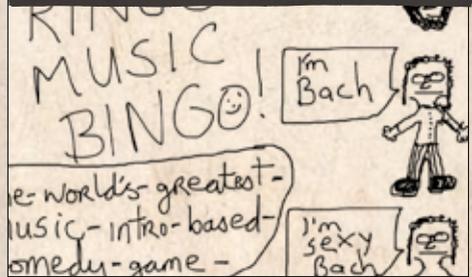
MIM, RINGO, KRABBERS AND MORE...
GREAT PEOPLE IN A RANGE OF
SPACES OVER THE WEEKEND!



We enjoyed our
Breakfast & Tea
With the Inkspots
last year so we've
brought it back!



What's that you say? you want more
Ringo Music Bingo? well you've got it! In
Queenies Cafe & the LBT bar.



**WE LIKE OUR FREE STUFF SO
WE'VE BROUGHT BACK THE
FRIDAY NIGHT SHENANIGANS±**

We are also doing
some meet-the-
makers type of
events and we've got
the most excellent
Professor Eek back
again (as well as
special guests Mike

Hind and Mim's Ukes).
We've asked them to
surprise us with pop-
up events and other
silliness throughout
the weekend so keep
your eyes and ears
open.

New

**PAY-WHAT-YOU-
LIKE WORKSHOP
BY UKULELEZAZA
DEBUTING HERE!**

Someone who has been a part of GNUF from the beginning is England's only full-time ukulele luthier, Robert Collins. He has given his time, expertise (and occasionally, even instruments) to the festival. He has helped us plan and deliver all of the added extras on offer. We wanted to make sure we thanked Rob Collins as he's given loads of his business' time and money to the festival. He'll be around all weekend (helping out). Stop him for a chat. He likes bitter & a natter.

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RAFFLES GALORE!

IT JUST
WOULDN'T
BE A FESTIVAL
WITHOUT A
RAFFLE

We are, as ever, deeply grateful for all of the support we receive from festival friends, family, artists and sponsors. This year we have been given some tremendous raffle prizes including ukuleles, amps, stands, bags, strings, CDs and loads more. There's even a GNUF Kanile'a 'Ukulele (the grand prize for the grand raffle)!



Special thanks to the lovely Sarah Maisel & Craig Chee who arranged for this lovely prize!



Just a few of the excellent prizes in our festival raffles this year.

This year we have decided to spread the raffle joy a bit. There will be a few small raffles throughout the weekend. There will be prizes to win on Friday night at the pub and cafe, at the main site on Saturday and we'll end with the GALA RAFFLE Sunday evening at the Town Hall.

The smaller raffles will contain fun things and some of the smaller prizes but the really big things will be saved for the Gala. Be sure to get your tickets because on Sunday evening you could win the Kanile'a 'Ukulele, a Mainland ukulele, the premium Fusion gig bag or other really rather nice prizes. The gala raffle tickets say GALA on them so you'll know.

**THERE'S THE GALA
RAFFLE SUNDAY &
A FEW SMALLER
ONES ON FRIDAY &
SATURDAY!**

WE ARE THANKFUL

IT TAKES A LOT TO RUN A UKULELE FESTIVAL LIKE OURS. WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OUR AWESOME SPONSORS IT WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE.

These are some of our amazing sponsors. Each of these businesses has given time, money, advice, excellent prizes and other support .



One way shops like Omega Music & Southern Ukulele Store support us is by putting new, cool and fun things on their stall.



Artists support us by developing brand new workshops for us like last years Mother Ukers & Mersey Belles Workshops.

As you have probably noticed by now, The Arts Council of England, Kirklees Council and Fusion Bags all contributed in significant ways to support our festival. We have also been fortunate enough to have the support of Kala, Sutherland Trading, Stones Music, Jumping Cow Music, Aquila Strings, Mercatino Del'Ukulele, Southern Ukulele Store, Omega Music, Eagle Music, Keith Dawson Music, Mim's Ukes, GHS Strings, Noah Ukuleles, TinGuitar.com, Beltona, Moselele, Straps for Chords, Astrig & her fabulous uke pottery and others.

TOTALLY AWESOME!
 We have also received amazing support from artists and we would like to personally thank Chonkineckle, Dead Mans Uke, Phil Doleman, Mersey Belles, Ben Rouse, Mother Ukers, Heidi Bang Tidy, Feckless & Fuddle, Eek & Elsie, Krabbers, Michael Adcock, Kris Ball, Mike Hind, Manitoba Hal, Craig Chee & Sarah Maisel. Each of them has done so much more than was ever asked of them and we wanted you to know that they are truly AWESOME!

All of the pictures at right (and the 2 above) were taken by Ed Sprake who's been our festival photographer since the beginning. This year the excellent Jame Millar joins him. They're both brilliant!

WE TRULY ARE SO VERY GLAD YOU'VE COME ALONG!



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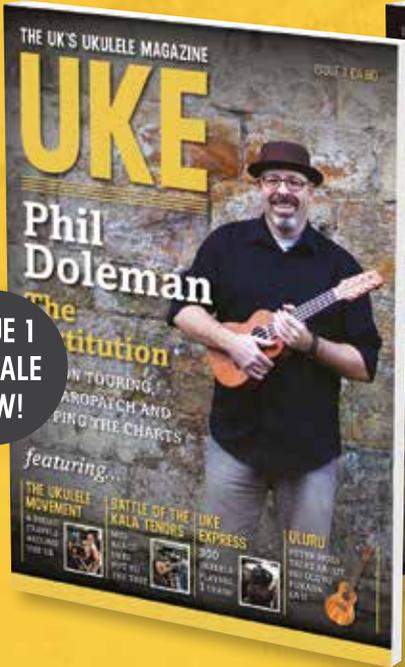
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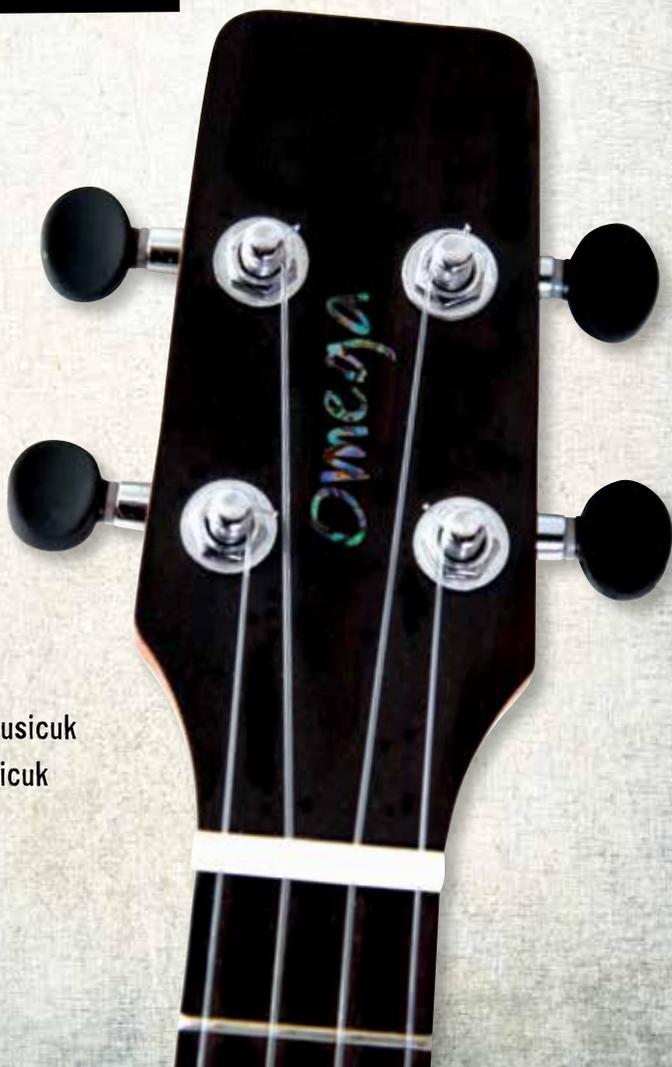
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