

OLLI FALL 2019 SYLLABUS

UKULELE for BEGINNERS

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Textbook: “Alfred’s Teach Yourself to Play Ukulele, Standard tuning edition” by Morty Manus & Ron Manus. ***The textbooks belong to OLLI and are on loan to you for this semester only. We will collect the books during the LAST week of the semester to return to OLLI. If you quit class before the semester ends, please return the book 1st.***

Feel free to email us with questions during the week. Be sure to put “**UKULELE for BEGINNERS**” on the subject line and identify yourself. We will try to answer within 24 hours. We will adjust these plans as needed to meet student needs. It is expected that each student will practice at least 15 minutes each day between classes. If you have more time to practice, that’s great: you will be surprised at how quickly you can pick up this new skill. You will learn that your left hand fingers are sore at first. That is why it is recommended that you break your practice up into several sessions. Play 15 minutes in the morning, and 15 more in the late afternoon or evening. The more time you are able to devote, the better your rate of success and your satisfaction with your new skill. Eventually you will develop calluses and will find playing easier. Don’t despair at first: learning the ukulele is a new skill for most students in this class. We don’t expect perfection. We **do** expect you to give it a good effort! I know we are going to have fun!! If you have a special song you would like to learn, email us the song title. We’ll attempt to find your song in a format and key appropriate for beginners.

TO BE ANNOUNCED: a possible performance date at an assisted living facility. [If you currently have a loved one in such a facility, let us know & we may be able to arrange a performance there.]

Week 1: Housekeeping details, attendance & announcements. Pages 3 – 9: A brief History of the ukulele, Parts of the Ukulele; how to hold the ukulele, how to strum the ukulele, how to tune your ukulele, fingering, learn the **C7** & **F** chords. Discuss music notation rules on pg. 7.

Week 2: Review Week #1. Answer questions. Play songs on pages 10, 11, 12, & 13. Learn the **C** chord. Play songs on pages 14 and 15.

Week 3: Review Weeks #1 & #2. Answer questions. Learn the **G7** chord on pg. 16. Play songs on pages 16 – 21. Begin learning supplemental songs to be provided by instructor.

Week 4: Review Weeks #1 – 3. Answer questions. Learn the **G** and **D7** chords. Play the music on pages 22 thru 27, time permitting. Play supplemental songs as time permits.

Week 5: Review Weeks #1 – 4 as needed. Answer questions. Discuss & practice strumming [pg. 28]. Play music on pages 28 & 29. Learn the **A7** and **Dm** chords [pg. 30]. Play the music on pages 31 - 34. More supplemental music will be provided to students.

Week 6: Answer questions about materials learned in first 5 weeks. Learn the **Gm** chord [pg. 35]. Learn the **A** chord [pg. 36]. Play the songs on pages 35 thru 39. Play supplemental songs as time permits.

Week 7: Learn the **C Diminished** chord [pg 40]. Play music on pages 40 thru 42. Begin work on EZ Christmas songs instructors will provide. Learn “Albuquerque is a Turkey”.

Week 8: Learn the **Bb** and **F7** chords [pg. 44]. Play the music on pages 45-47. Work on EZ Christmas music.

Week 9: Discuss playing in 6/8 time on pg 48. Play “Vive L’Amour” on pg 49. & “Aura Lee” on pg 50. Discuss **8th note triplets** on pg 51 & learn “Amazing Grace”.

Week 10: Discuss playing by ear, determining the key of a song, and transposition, on pgs. 52 thru 55. Practice supplemental music.

We hope that you will consider enrolling in the Ukulele for Beginners Part II during SPRING 2020.

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ONLINE RESOURCES YOU MAY WISH TO VISIT:

www.doctoruke.com

www.scorpexuke.com

www.meetup.com/Ukulele-Club-of-Las-Vegas

www.meetup.com/Ninth-Isle-Ukulele-Club

YOUTUBE: Ukulele Mike & other Ukulele Tutorials

YOUTUBE: Ukulele Underground

www.ultimate-guitar.com

www.san.jose.ukulele.club.org