

**Welcome  
to the**



**Ukulele!**

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# What Now?

You've checked out an ukulele! Yay!

1. This ukulele is a real musical instrument, not a toy. Please be careful with it so that others can learn to play and enjoy it too.
2. When you are not practicing or playing this ukulele, please carefully put it back into its protective case with all of the items in this kit.
3. This ukulele can be damaged by heat and cold - please do not leave it in your vehicle or outside.
4. This kit just covers the very basics to get you started. There are many other resources at the library and online to get you more information.

# What Is in This Kit?

1. KALA concert-sized ukulele
2. KALA padded ukulele case
3. Electronic tuner w/ battery
4. KALA "Learn To Play: Quick Start Guide"
5. THIS booklet

If you have any issues with your instrument, please contact the library right away. And be sure to return all items when you bring this kit back to the library.

Enjoy!

## How Do I Start?

Begin by looking through the KALA “Quick Start Guide” (included in this kit).

Please note that the KALA Guide and most of the songbooks and instructions online are for “right-handed” playing (the right hand is used for strumming and the left hand is used to finger the chords). Many left-handed individuals play the ukulele right-handed, but some players choose to re-string their ukuleles to “left-handed.”

This ukulele is “right-handed.” Please do not change any of the strings.

## How Do I Tune the Ukulele?

- You should tune the ukulele every time you play it for the best playing experience.
- Be careful to not “over-tune” the strings, as the strings can (and will) break if overtightened.
- See these helpful videos on how to tune the ukulele with the included electronic tuner!



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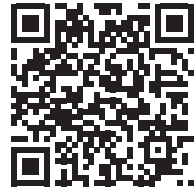


# A Few Online Resources for Beginners



**Ukulele 101**  
(With Cynthia Lin)

**Learn How to Play the Ukulele  
in One Hour**  
(Bernadette Teaches Music)

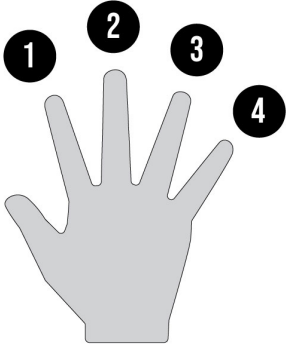
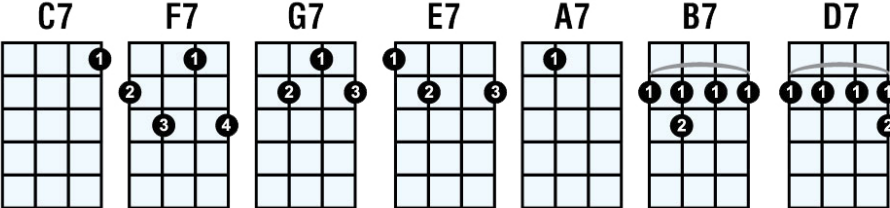
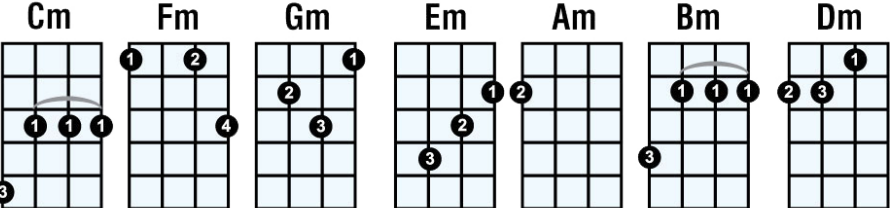
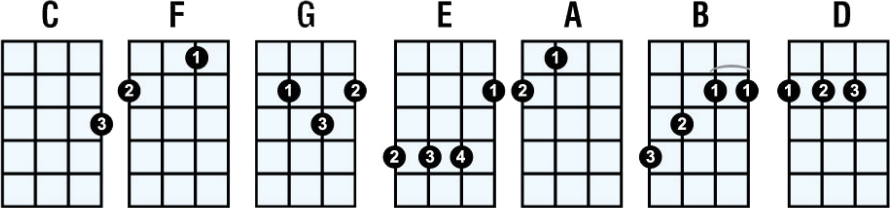


**Your First Ukulele Lesson**  
(Ukulele Magazine)

**Triad Ukulele Club**  
(Helpful resources and many songs)



# Beginner Ukulele Chords



## A Few Thoughts on Music

“Music can change the world, because it can change people.”

*(Bono - international activist and lead singer of U2)*



“One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain.” *(Bob Marley - Jamaican reggae artist)*

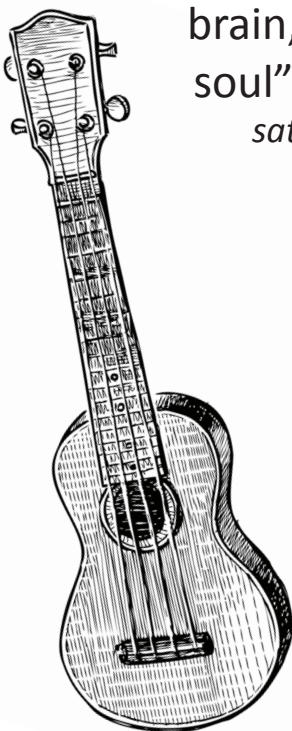
“There's something about the ukulele that just makes you smile. It makes you let your guard down. It brings out the child in all of us.”

*(Jake Shimabukuro - world-famous touring ukulele artist)*

“To this day, if I ever meet grownups who play ukulele, I love 'em.” *(Sir Paul McCartney - bass player and lead vocalist of The Beatles)*



“Play ukulele 5 minutes a day - it's good for your brain, and it's good for your soul” *(Cynthia Lin - YouTube sensation and ukulele teacher)*



“Uke can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you just might find, uke get what you need!” *(The Rolling Stones - slightly modified [?](#))*



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