



# Celebrity Series of Boston

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### **Presents**

## **The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain**

Saturday, April 14, 2018, 8pm — NEC's Jordan Hall

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(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present [The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain](#) on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at 8pm at NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston, MA. This concert marks the second Celebrity Series performance for The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain; they made their debut in 2015 to a sold-out audience.

Tickets to this performance are sold out. To be added to the wait list, patrons may call (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

**The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain** was formed in 1985 as a bit of fun, but the first gig was an instant sell-out, and they've been performing ever since. By 1988 they had released an LP, appeared on BBC TV, played at WOMAD and recorded a BBC Radio 1 session.

The current ensemble has been playing together for over 20 years, and has become something of a national institution. The Orchestra has given thousands of sold-out concerts across the world, including Great Britain, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Poland, France, America, Canada, New Zealand and Japan. They have more recently performed sell-out shows at the Sydney Opera House (2012), The Royal Albert Hall (2009, 2012) and New York's Carnegie Hall (2010, 2012).

Over the last 29 years, the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain has spawned hundreds of imitators, and you can now find Ukulele Groups in nearly every major city, indeed, the Orchestra are often blamed for the current Ukulele revival that is sweeping the globe.

The Ukulele Orchestra's music has been used in films, plays, and commercials, while film clips of the Orchestra's live concerts and TV appearances on websites such as YouTube have been watched millions of times. Collaborators have included Madness, David Arnold, The British Film Institute, The Ministry of Sound, Yusuf Islam (aka Cat Stevens) and The Kaiser Chiefs.

Current members include: George Hinchliffe, Kitty Lux, Dave Suich, Richie Williams, Hester Goodman, Will Grove-White, Jonty Bankes, Peter Brooke Turner, Leisa Rea, David Bowie, Ewan Wardrop, and Ben Rouse.

## **PROGRAM**

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### **About Celebrity Series of Boston**

Celebrity Series of Boston was founded in 1938 by pianist and impresario Aaron Richmond. Over the course of its 79-year history, Celebrity Series has presented an array of the world's greatest performing artists, including Sergei Rachmaninoff, Arturo Toscanini, Ignace Paderewski, Artur Schnabel, Vladimir Horowitz, Glenn Gould, Fritz Kreisler, Jascha Heifetz, Isaac Stern, Andrés Segovia, Kirsten Flagstad, Marian Anderson, Luciano Pavarotti, Béla Bartók, Igor Stravinsky, Martha Graham, Ballet Russe De Monte Carlo, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Mstislav Rostropovich, and the New York City Opera Company.

From orchestras and chamber ensembles, vocal and piano music, to dance companies, jazz, spoken word, and more, Celebrity Series has been bringing great artists to Boston's major concert halls for nearly eight decades. The Celebrity Series of Boston believes in the power of excellence and innovation in the performing arts to enrich life experiences, transform lives and build better communities. Through its *Arts for All!* community programs, the Celebrity Series seeks to build a community of Greater Boston where the performing arts are a valued, lifelong, shared experience—on stages, in schools, at home— everywhere.

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