



# From ol' Hum & Strum to... **EXCITING!**

**Rotorua Arts Village, Sunday 24 November**



**Are you a UKULELE PLAYER who wants to learn more about theory and technique?**

**Do you feel that there must be more to offer audiences than nostalgic sing-alongs?**

**Are you a ukulele group leader who wants to include (and keep) both beginners and more advanced players?**



**UKESTRATION** is a way of teaching skills to a group, combined with the wonderful flexibility of the ukulele, using appropriate and popular songs arranged into parts for a ukulele orchestra.

Our song arrangements make everyone feel part of a fun and rewarding musical enterprise, no matter whether they've been playing for an hour or a decade.

You will learn and play 4-5 contemporary songs in parts that range from the dead easy to the challenging. All parts are complimentary and help create a whole that is greater than the sum of the parts. All you need is your uke, your voice, 4-5 chords and to know the names of the strings.



**Join Australia's Mark Jackson and Jane Jelbart to learn how.**

**Book your Ukestration workshop NOW!**

**Date:** Sunday, 24 November 2013

**Place:** Rotorua Arts Village

**Time:** 3.00pm

**Cost:** \$25



**High School students welcome**

**Find out more**



# Learn the Ukestration way with Mark and Jane

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*"This was amazing. I love how all different levels were able to participate to create a beautiful full sound. I hope we can continue more of this here locally."*

*"Mark and Jane did a marvellous job teaching 22 ukulele players with various skill levels how to play songs and sound professional while doing so. I think they are top notch instructors and I would gladly take another workshop from them."*

*"These guys were outstanding!! Funny, informative, talented, well taught. If you missed them this time, they will be back in a year... Don't miss them then!"*

*"The workshop was entertaining and informative, the time just flew by. We are looking forward to attending some more workshops in the future."*



Mark Jackson and Jane Jelbart live in Newcastle, Australia. In just over three years, Mark and Jane have taught over 800 people from ages 5 to 93 to play ukulele. They currently run eleven weekly classes attended by over 150 people, as well as teaching children in schools. Increasingly they are being asked to deliver their style of uke teaching and performing to other places like Bend, Oregon; Hanoi, Vietnam; or Port Macquarie, NSW.

Jane and Mark are in their third year of the James Hill Ukulele Initiative, learning from the world's leading ukulele educator in Vancouver each July.

They are also inspired by the extraordinary abilities and entertainment of the world's great ukulele ensembles – including the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain and the Langley Ukulele Ensemble.

However, their chief inspiration is their local adult ukestras, where 'non-musicians' have learned to be musicians and performers, and where there is a need to provide parts for all manner of abilities. Ukestration has proven to be a very popular and successful workshop, not only for Australian ukulele players, but also in ukulele cultures as diverse as Vancouver, California, Vietnam and Singapore.

### What we can do for you in two hours

For a group that already has some skills (perhaps 3-4 chords, the names of the strings and even one or two keen singers or people who are a little more musically adept), then within two hours the group will be:

- Playing arrangements of 1-5 popular contemporary songs in a style that will better engage audiences, and will extend players of all abilities.
- Coming to grips with the concepts of arranging, and the educational attributes of good song selection
- Laughing, singing, enjoying.

*\*Some reviews from the Sacramento Ukestration Workshop in August 2012. Thanks to Stu Herreid from the Strum Shop for the workshop, and for these comments from his Meetup site.*



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