



# Exploring Ukulele Resources

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Below you will find all resources mentioned in the video presentation.

I have also included an additional suggested reading list for your consideration.

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

[Truth and Reconciliation Report Calls to Action](#)

[Indian Residential School Survivors Society](#)

[Legacy of Hope Foundation](#)

[Orange Shirt Society](#)

[True North Aid](#)

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# UKULELES & ACCESSORIES

BRANDS	AMPLIFIED	ACCESSORIES
<a href="#">Kala</a> <a href="#">Leho</a> <a href="#">Beavercreek</a> <a href="#">Denver</a> <a href="#">Mahalo</a> <a href="#">Epiphone</a> <a href="#">Gretsch</a> <a href="#">Ibanez</a> <a href="#">Cordoba</a> <a href="#">Fender</a> <a href="#">Lohanu (CDN)</a> <a href="#">Gold Tone</a> <a href="#">Magic Fluke</a> <a href="#">Martin</a> <a href="#">Seagull (CDN)</a> DIY Ukulele Kits	Pick-up Built-in Tuner <a href="#">U-Bass</a>	<a href="#">Straps</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End pin</li> <li>• Wrap-around</li> </ul> <a href="#">Capo</a> Tuners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clip-On               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">Snark</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">KLIQ Uber Tuner</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Free apps               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">GuitarTuna</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">insTuner</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Websites               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">Uke-tuner.com</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">ukebuddy</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <a href="#">Cases</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soft</li> <li>• Hard</li> </ul> <a href="#">Picks</a> <a href="#">Humidifiers</a> <a href="#">Instrument Stand</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• floor or wall mounts</li> <li>• Stationary or mobile storage carts</li> </ul> Strings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">D'Addario</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">GHS</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Aquila Corde</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Ernie Ball</a></li> </ul>

## PRINT RESOURCES

While it is beyond the scope of this particular presentation for in-depth discussion, it is important when considering repertoire selections to do so using an Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility (EDIA) lens. There are a number of resources available, including articles, databases, websites, and social media groups and organizations, that provide [“living” lists of repertoire to be reconsidered or removed](#), and spaces to listen to and consult with professional colleagues who may be well-versed in these areas and/or are also exploring and learning to create brave classroom, rehearsal and community spaces. I believe it is our duty to examine all potential resources with a critical eye, not only for their potential pedagogical value, but also toward greater inclusivity, representation, and accessibility. For example, some songbooks may have non-programmable literature sitting alongside many tunes that meet EDIA criteria. I suggest moving forward with due diligence as you explore the range of available options, whether print or electronic.

## METHODS

- [The Complete Ukulele Method by Greg Horne and Shana Aisenberg; ed. Daniel Ho \(Alfred\)](#)
- [Hal Leonard Ukulele Method by Lil' Rev](#)
- [Alfred's Basic Ukulele Method by Ron Manus and L.C. Harnsberger](#)
- [Essential Elements for Ukulele by Marty Gross](#)

## SONGBOOKS/COLLECTIONS

- [Jim Beloff aka Jumpin' Jim](#)
  - Songbooks focused on different themes (e.g.: Tips 'n' Tunes: A Beginner's Method & Songbook; Ukulele Island, Ukulele Beach Party; '60s Uke-In; Camp Ukulele; etc)
  - [The Daily Ukulele: 365 Songs for Better Living](#)
    - Compiled and arranged by Liz and Jim Beloff
    - Baritone and To-Go Editions available
  - [The Daily Ukulele Leap Year Addition: 366 Songs for Better Living](#)
    - Baritone Editions available
  - [Ukulele Fretboard Roadmaps: The Essential Patterns that all the Pros Know and Use by Fred Sokolow & Jim Beloff](#)
- [The Ultimate Ukulele Fake Book: Over 400 songs to strum and sing \(Hall Leonard\)](#)
- Homegrown context-specific texts (e.g.: [Keith Pender's Traditional Folk Songs of Newfoundland and Labrador](#))

## BOOKS

- [Uke Can Do It! Developing Your School Ukulele Program by Paul Tamberino](#)
- [Ukulele: The World's Friendliest Instrument by Daniel Dixon](#)
- [The 'Ukulele': A History by Jim Tranquada and John King](#)

## JOURNALS

- [International Journal of Community Music](#)
- [General Music Today](#)
- [Music Education Research](#)
- [International Journal of Music Education](#)
- [Music Educators Journal](#)
- [Journal of Popular Music Education](#)

## ADDITIONAL READING SUGGESTIONS

- Drozd, K.S. (1998). The Hawaiian 'Ukulele: Its players, makers, teachers and continuity in traditional transmission processes. University of Hawaii, MA thesis.
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- Wallace, W.W. (1989) A history of the Doane ukulele method 1961-1989: A performance-based approach to music education. University of Victoria, MA thesis.

## POSTERS

- Chord charts
- Parts of the ukulele

## ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

### DOCUMENTARY

- [The Mighty Uke by Tony Coleman and Margaret Meagher](#)
  - A story of the ukulele, from its roots in Madeira, Portugal and its journey to Hawaii, the little instrument that captured hearts and imagination. With a rise of popularity, a near loss in obscurity, before a resurgence of interest and acceptance that it is more than a toy, it now travels the world in the hands of people of all ages.
  - [James Hill \(CDN\)](#)
  - [Langley Ukulele, Peter Luongo \(CDN\)](#)
    - [J.Chalmers Doane Method](#)
      - If interested in this lineage of “Made-in-Canada” ukulele work, I suggest checking out “Ukulele in the Classroom” resource - <https://ukuleleintheclassroom.com/> - co-created by James Hill and J. Chalmers Doane

### YOUTUBE

- Intro/Getting Started Lessons
  - [Cynthia Lin](#), [Bernadette Teaches Music](#), [One Music School](#), [Andy Guitar](#), [TenThumbs Productions](#), [Elise Ecklund](#), [U Can Uke](#), [The Ukulele Teacher](#), [Ukulele Zen](#)
- Technique
  - strumming, chucking, muting, finger picking
- [Ukulaliens - Ukulele Club](#)
  - Play-along videos
  - Organized by level of difficulty
  - Chord progression exercises
- International Ukulele Groups/Clubs
  - [Ukulele Tuesday \(Dublin\)](#)

## WEBSITES

- [ukulescales.com](http://ukulescales.com) (connects to [uke-tuner.com](http://uke-tuner.com) and [learnplayuke.com](http://learnplayuke.com))
  - Select key, scale/mode, tuning choice
  - Shows diagram/chart of fretboard, notation, tab, and position options
- <https://ukulele-chords.com/>
  - Select key, chord type, tuning choice
  - Shows diagram/chart, photo of finger placement/hand position, alternative positions, arpeggio, and including recording of the chord, picked and strummed
- Free Tab Sites
  - <https://ukutabs.com/>
    - Free curated song archive
    - Tips and guides
  - [Ken Middleton](#)
- [Jim's Ukulele and Guitar Songbook](#)
  - Table of contents is 30 pages with more than 3200 pages to date
  - Titles are linked to song sheets and where possible, links to YouTube recordings are included
  - Available for standard and baritone tuning, as well as left hand options

## PROFESSIONAL UKULELISTS/ENSEMBLES

- [Jake Shimabukuro](#)
  - [TED Talks - Bohemian Rhapsody](#)
  - [Reverb tutorials](#)
  - [Masterclass Series](#)
- [Israel Kamakawiwo'ole](#)
  - [Somewhere Over the Rainbow \(cover\)](#)
  - Four studio albums; four compilation albums (after his death)
  - [IZ: The Ukulele Songbook](#)
- [James Hill \(CDN\)](#)
  - [Duets for One](#) (Jumpin' Jim's)
  - [Uketropolis](#) (podcast)
  - [The Ukulele Way \(for individuals\)](#)
  - [Ukulele in the Classroom \(for schools\)](#)
  - [James Hill Ukulele Initiative \(Teacher Certification Program\)](#)
- [Grace VanderWaal/Mandy Harvey/Taylor Swift/Billie Eilish/Walk Off the Earth \(CDN\)](#)
  - Many pop artists incorporate ukulele into their music
- [The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain](#)
  - [Performances from Royal Albert Hall](#)
  - [Ukulele Lockdown Tutorials and Songsheets](#)