

Would you like to play the Ukulele?



Music Generation Mayo, as part of its Music Residency programme, is offering an opportunity to young people aged **8-18 yrs** to participate in a three month music programme facilitated by the Ukulele Trio.

This residency will focus on learning musical skills and songs with the ukulele which will culminate in performances at the Féilé Ukulele, Mayo's own dedicated ukulele festival which takes place in Castlebar on the weekend of July 6th 2013.

The residency will be facilitated by **'The Ukulele Trio'**, a well known group whose repertoire ranges from traditional to contemporary and who share a unique approach to teaching is inclusive, versatile and a whole lot of fun for those involved.

WHAT IS A UKULELE?

A ukulele is part of the family of stringed instruments and looks like a small, four-stringed version of a guitar. It is tuned and played just like a guitar, with tuning going from the top string to the bottom string using G C E and A on the piano, though the ukulele is usually tuned an octave higher than the guitar. It comes in four sizes: the soprano, the concert ukulele, the tenor, and the baritone.

The instrument has long been associated with Hawaii, but its origins were actually in Portugal. In the late 1870s, Portuguese sailors brought a ukulele-type instrument called the *braguinha* to the Hawaiian Islands. The native Hawaiians were impressed when they saw the speedy and intricate finger-work of the man playing the stringed instrument; they dubbed it a **"ukulele,"** which means **"jumping flea"** in English.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING THE GROUP?

The Music Residency will be facilitated by the **'The Ukulele Trio'**.

The Ukulele Trio was formed in 2010 as part of the Mayo Art Squad Community Music Programme. The trio regularly perform for community events and also run a music programme for residents in various healthcare settings throughout the county.

Group members include Johnny Fadgin: *soprano ukulele and vocals*, Barbara Trawinski: *tenor ukulele and vocals* and Shane Gannon: *vocals, ukulele and percussion*.

Their repertoire ranges from traditional to contemporary as well as material composed by the trio themselves. Their unique approach to teaching is inclusive, versatile and a whole lot of fun for those involved.



DETAILS OF THE RESIDENCY

How long does the Ukulele Residency last?

It was last approx three months and culminates with performances by participants at the Féilé Ukulele which takes place in Castlebar at the beginning of July.

When does it begin?

The residency begins on **Tuesday April 16th**. The group will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings at the Westport College of Further Education from **5-6pm**.

How much does it cost?

The 3 month music residency costs €25 per participant.

What if I don't have a Ukulele?

You will be provided with a Ukulele for the duration of the residency. You will need to pay a €25 deposit when borrowing the instrument, however this will be returned in full at the end of the residency proving you keep the instrument in good order.

What will I learn if I take part?

- You will learn a variety of musical skills through the Ukulele such as chords, note values, rhythm and the principals of music.
- You will learn how to play different styles of music, experiment with different arrangements and learn to play as part of an ensemble.
- You will learn the basics of songwriting, creating lyrics and putting them to music.
- You will learn the skills involved in performing and will have the ideal opportunity to perform your songs (cover songs & originals) at the Feile Ukulele in July 2013.

How do I apply to take part?

If you'd like to be part of the Ukulele Residency, you need to fill out a simple application form. You can download an application form at our website: www.musicgenerationmayo.ie

When you have it filled out please return it by post to:

**Ukulele Music Residency, Music Generation Mayo, Co.Mayo V.E.C.,
Newtown, Castlebar, Co.Mayo.**

How many people will be taking part?

The maximum number of participants will be 18. The group may be a mix of complete beginners and more advanced students, having three facilitators allows for this combination.

If the residency is oversubscribed, places will be filled on a first come, first-served basis so don't delay in applying!

Is there a deadline for applying?

Yes, the deadline for sending in your application is **Thursday April 11th 2013** Applications received after this date will not be considered.



IMPORTANT NOTE:

This music residency runs from April to the beginning of July. Please ensure that if you wish to be involved, that will be available to commit to attending classes during this period and that you can attend the Féilé Ukulele which takes place the weekend of July 6th 2013.

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