

RALPH SHAW

KING OF THE UKULELE

A seasoned musical entertainer who takes the art of performance and audience connection seriously. His voice, expressions, body language, ukulele and harmonica are the tools of his trade as he takes the audience on an unforgettable joyride away from the cares of daily life.



He's one of a kind. In a world that abounds with singers and musicians Ralph Shaw stands out as a rare breed, the type of entertainer that other performers make sure to stop and watch.

Ralph Shaw's performance style brings to mind the variety entertainers of long ago. Indeed his recordings of folk music and mid-20th Century songs are a testament to his appreciation of a bygone era. **But don't be fooled!** He's equally adept at ripping out fist-pumping rock and roll as he is at crooning a ballad or delivering a hilarious song with impeccable comic timing.

As an author, Shaw has become known for his thoughtful and eloquent expositions on what it takes to be a musical performer and has written two acclaimed books: **The Art of Ukulele** and **The Ukulele Entertainer**.

His album **Laughter**, produced by multi-award winner Steve Dawson, reveals his gifts for songwriting and composing; listeners can appreciate writing and wordplay that always rewards close and repeated listenings.

Whether you wish to be charmed, soothed or simply made merry, Ralph Shaw charts a new course for musical expression that respects and reinvents the past while taking it into a hopeful and happy future.

"Very enjoyable...his performance reminded me of the music my family and I listened to when I was young."

- Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, Third Son of Queen Elizabeth II

"You are more than a performer and entertainer - you are a powerful force onstage, celebrating all that is good and delightful and human.."

- Joey Minshall, West Coast Sings

Selected Past Appearances

- Dawson City Music Festival
- Vancouver Island Music Festival
- Robson Valley Music Festival
- **Ukulele Festivals:** Melbourne, Portland, Toronto, Seattle, Port Townsend, Napa, Milwaukee, Cerritos, Sebastopol, Santa Cruz, Eugene, Hood River, Portland, Tampa Bay.
- **Children's Festivals:** Kootenay, Surrey, Winnipeg International Children's Festival
- Actor in 'The A Team' movie
- Olympic Games Flag Raising Ceremony performing for Earl and Countess of Wessex (Prince Edward, Princess Sophie).
- Emcee for Vancouver City New Year celebration

Solo Albums

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| King of the Ukulele (1998) | Love (2013) |
| Table for Two (2002) | Laughter (2013) |
| By George! (2006) | |

"It is my firm conviction that Ralph Shaw, The King of the Ukulele, should be magically transported from Vancouver to Carnegie Hall"

- Vancouver Sun

"...he charms and enchants us and makes us laugh -- very hard. It is as if the song was meant only for us - a private joke only we in that audience would understand."

- Portland Festival Director



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