



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.

Inspired by the variety entertainers of the past Ralph Shaw is as 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. He currently has five solo albums plus one with musician Chris McShane.

His recordings, including two produced by multi-award winning Canadian producer Steve Dawson, reveal the skilled wordplay of his songwriting, subtle composition and unique ability for interpreting the songs of others — repeated listens are a rewarding experience.

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

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, Brother of King Charles III

"Wickedly funny, superbly talented, heart-warming and with a feel-good factor you wish you could bottle up and take home."

– Scott Doonican, UK Entertainer

"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

"...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, Oregon, Festival Director

SELECTED PAST APPEARANCES

INTERNATIONAL UKULELE FESTIVALS

Melbourne (Australia)— Toronto (Canada) — Czech Ukulele Festival (Czechoslovakia) — Cerritos, Eugene, Milwaukee, Napa, Portland, Port Townsend, Santa Cruz, Seattle, Sebastopol, Tampa Bay (USA).

CHILDREN'S FESTIVALS

Kootenay, Winnipeg International Children's Festival

FILM

Actor in 'The A Team' movie

OLYMPIC GAMES FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Performing for Earl and Countess of Wessex (Prince Edward, Princess Sophie).

MUNICIPAL EVENTS

Emcee for Vancouver City New Year celebration

Albums

King of the Ukulele (1998)
Table for Two (2002)
By George! (2006)

Love (2013)
Laughter (2013)
Dad Dancing (2022) — McShane & Shaw



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