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FROM THE FESTIVAL PRODUCER

Welcome to the third Cairns Ukulele Festival!

It's a great honour to have produced this Festival once again, work on its expansion and be able to introduce a range of new Festival components. This year's Festival covers an enormous range of events and is jam-packed with creative arts workshops, an exhibition, ukulele tours of the region, ukulele-playing workshops and concerts, not to mention the world record attempt, of course! Artists from around Australia, and indeed the world, will grace our various stages so be sure to check out this program carefully, you don't want to miss any of the action!

I would like to thank the Cairns Regional Council, Festivals Australia, Events Queensland and all of our corporate sponsors and supporters for their contributions to the Festival (*see page 9*). And thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have come together to make this happen.

A warm welcome to all of the performers who will be entertaining, enthralling and educating us which, we are sure, will make our 2012 Festival experience the best yet. Most of all, thank you for coming to the Festival and playing your part in making it what it is!

Gaby Thomasz

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UKE ART EXHIBITION

FRIDAY 22 JUNE – SUNDAY 8 JULY



Every year, the Cairns Ukulele Festival hosts charity art exhibition to help raise funds for charity. The past two years we have raised thousands for the Duchenne Foundation (2010) and Harald's House (2011). This year, the nominated charity is COUCH. COUCH is a local charity, started by Charles and Pip Woodward in 2006. COUCH aims to bring about a complete health and wellbeing centre to enhance the likelihood that people will beat cancer, as well as improve facilities at the Cairns Base Hospital.

The amazing local artist Greg Dwyer designed the artwork for this year's festival poster. The painting will be part of the exhibition and will also be auctioned to benefit COUCH. We're sure we're not the only ones who have an eye on this painting; bidding will be heated!

VENUE: TANKS ARTS CENTRE

OPENING: FRIDAY JUNE 22TH

FINAL BIDS: 8PM SUNDAY 8 JULY (AFTER THE CONCERTS)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



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Get in touch with your creative side during the Cairns Ukulele Festival! The Cairns Ukulele Festival School Holiday Workshop Program is an exciting new festival component featuring workshops in various arts disciplines, including visual arts, music and manual arts. The workshops, facilitated by local and internationally renowned artists, cater for all ages and skill levels and encourage participants to explore and develop new creative skills, all within the tropical and island theme of the Cairns Ukulele festival.

TIKI CARVING

Owning a tiki is like owning a piece of Oceania and everything associated with the island lifestyle. This is your chance to create your own tiki carving under tutelage of the world-renowned Marcus Thorn! Marcus is fast becoming one of the most highly respected tiki carvers in the world.

His carvings have featured in various Hot Rod Magazines, movies for NBC Studios New York and Warner Bros Movieworld Gold Coast as well as carvings in Hawaii for hotels and the restoration of antique carvings/tikis.

PAINT 'N' PLAY

Let the uke art exhibition at the tanks inspire you and participate in this 2 hour painting workshop with Greg Dwyer followed by 1 hour ukulele lesson by legendary ukulele instructor and music book author Mike Jackson.

UKE 'N' PLAY UKULELE

Mike Jackson will host various learn how to play the ukulele workshops during the festival, some as part of the Paint 'n' Play workshops and one during the opening night, as well as during the Lanikai Ukulele Day.

BUILD A KOALOHA UKULELE

In this two day workshop, you will have fun with some of the KoAloha crew straight from Hawaii, while assembling your very own genuine KoAloha ukulele.

You will be sweating, sanding, and gluing, and learning along the way.

Bring your smiles and expect to have a great time.

At the end of day two, you will be the owner of a brand new custom built KoAloha ukulele!

DATES, TIMES & VENUES

TUESDAY 3 JULY

10AM – 1PM PAINT 'N' PLAY WORKSHOP
(FOR KIDS 7 & UP) – TANKS ARTS CENTRE

WEDNESDAY 4 JULY

9AM – 3PM KOALOHA UKULELE BUILDING WORKSHOP
– CAIRNS STATE HIGH SCHOOL

5.30 – 8.30PM PAINT 'N' PLAY WORKSHOP
(FOR ADULTS ONLY) – TANKS ARTS CENTRE

THURSDAY 5 JULY

9AM – 3PM KOALOHA UKULELE BUILDING WORKSHOP
– CAIRNS STATE HIGH SCHOOL

10AM – 2PM TIKI CARVING WORKSHOP
– TANKS ARTS CENTRE

SATURDAY 7 JULY

12 – 4PM TIKI CARVING WORKSHOP
– FOGARTY PARK

HEADLINERS' WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY 6 JULY @ THE HILTON MEETING ROOMS

TIME	ROOM 1	ROOM 2
2.00 2.15	2.15-3.30 PICK AND STRUM LIKE HERB OHTA JR.	2-3.30 PAUL HEMMINGS: TRIAD BOOTCAMP
3.45	3.45 - 5 LEARN TO PLAY UNDER THE BOARDWALK HERB OHTA JR. STYLE	3.45 - 5.15 PAUL HEMMINGS: CHORD MELODIES FOR THE VOCALLY CHALLENGED
5.30	5.30 - 6.30: DERICK SEBASTIAN: HOW TO FREE STYLE SOLO / FINGERPICKING	5.30 - 6.30 AARON KEIM: FINGERSTYLE UKULELE

SATURDAY 7 JULY @ THE HILTON MEETING ROOMS

TIME	ROOM 1	ROOM 2
8.30	8.30 - 10 PAUL HEMMINGS: DIMINISHED RETURNS	9 - 10 MANITOBA HAL: BLUES FOR EVERYONE
10.15	10.15 - 11.15 AARON KEIM: CLAWHAMMER UKULELE	10.15-11.15 MANITOBA HAL: VODOO LOOPING TRICKS
11.30	11.30 - 12.30 AARON KEIM: FIDDLE TUNES FOR UKULELE	11.30 - 12.30 CRAIG CHEE: ENRICHING YOUR SOUND

Instructor: Aaron Keim

Fiddle Tunes for Ukulele

(intermediate to advanced) 1hr

In this workshop, we will use fingerpicking, clawhammer, carter style playing and single note playing to bring these old tunes to life. Knowledge of music reading or tablature will be a big help, but is not required.

Instructor: Paul Hemmings

Diminished Returns

(intermediate to advanced) 2 hrs

By unlocking the magic of the diminished seventh chord, this workshop teaches players how to play four inversions for virtually any kind of seventh chord on the uke. Chord types covered include major seventh, minor seventh, dominant seventh, and half-diminished (or minor seventh flat fifth) chords.

Instructor: Herb Ohta Jr.

Learn to play 'Under the Boardwalk'

Herb Ohta Jr style

(beginner/intermediate) 1hr15min

In this workshop, you will be shown how Herb Ohta works out arrangements using the popular tune, "Under the Boardwalk".

SATURDAY 7 JULY @ THE HILTON MEETING ROOMS

ROOM 3

9 - 10 AJ LEONARD: STRUMMING THE AUSTRALIAN SONGBOOK

10.15 - 11.15 AJ LEONARD: FROM THE AMERICAN SOUNDTRACK

11.30 - 12.40: PLAY WITH FULARE_PAD (IN JAPANESE)

Instructor: Manitoba Hal

Voodoo Looping Tricks (all levels) 1 hr

This workshop will highlight various tricks and methods for looping backgrounds to create performance arrangements. Learn how to arrange a piece for looping using foot pedal loop stations such as the Boss RC-20XL.

Instructor: AJ Leonard

Strumming The Australian Songbook

(all levels) 1 hr

A.J.'s latest recording, Australian Songbook, will be making its world premiere at Cairns and to accompany its release there will be a workshop featuring some examples from this great catalogue that includes the Bee Gees, The Easybeats, Rolf Harris, The Loved Ones and Russell Morris.

From The American Soundtrack (all levels) 1 hr

This workshop will focus on the music of Henry Mancini, whose familiar classics include Peter Gunn, Baby Elephant Walk, Moon River and The Pink Panther. A.J. will share some of the unique strumming and picking techniques he has become renowned for.

Instructor: Derick Sebastian

How to free style solo/picking

(intermediate) 1 hr

In this workshop, Derick will cover techniques and patterns that allows you to to freestyle solo/picking in any key that gets thrown at you! Derick suggests you leave your "music theories" and/or "music theory ego" at the door...

Instructors: fulare_pad

Play with fulare_pad!

(beginners) 70 mins (in Japanese)

京都からやってくる、フラリーパッドと一緒に演奏しましょう！



THURSDAY 5 JULY

OPENING NIGHT

Come along to the Cairns Ukulele Festival Opening Night at the Hilton 6 Degrees Bar and meet and greet the artists, learn to play the world record song, and enjoy live music!

The night starts with a free Uke 'n' Play workshop with legendary Mike Jackson at 7pm.

There will loan ukuleles available as well as ukes for sale for those who are interested in learning the ukulele.

At the end of this session you will be playing basic songs and have enough knowledge to play the world record song, "Travelin'" by Nicky Bomba.

We'll officially open the Festival by playing the world record song.

Festival headliners will be featured in the musical segment that follows, including Matt Dahlberg from the USA and AJ Leonard Duo from Melbourne, among others.

8 Entry is free and all ages.

Wavedancer Low Isles Ukulele Cruise

Combine an unspoilt coral cay just one hour from Port Douglas with the romance of sailing aboard Quicksilver's luxury sailing catamaran, Wavedancer, and ukulele jams and concerts, this is the perfect day! Enjoy jams with festival attendees and concerts by Manitoba Hal (CA) and Derick Sebastian (HI)!



Nicky Bomba (left) & Matt Dahlberg

TIME	
19.00	
19.10	
19.20	MIKE JACKSON UKE 'N' PLAY WORKSHOP
19.30	
19.40	
19.50	
20.00	OFFICIAL FESTIVAL OPENING
20.10	WORLD RECORD SONG
20.20	
20.30	
20.40	
20.50	UKULELE FESTIVAL SAMPLER WITH AJ LEONARD, MATT DAHLBERG AND OTHERS
21.00	
21.10	
21.20	
21.30	
21.40	
21.50	
22.00	FINISH

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TRAVELLIN'

WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY NICKY BOMBA – © TRANSMITTER MUSIC/ PUBLISHING MUSHROOM
STRUM PATTERN: DOWN-DOWN-UP-UP-DOWN-UP (THEN CHANGE CHORD) OR FOUR STRUMS
PER CHORD

START ON [C][G7][C][G7][C][G7][C][G7] ETC

INTRO:

[C] I MET A GIRL FROM POLY [G7] NESIA
DIS [C] COVERED THAT I HAD AM [G7] NESIA
WELL I FOR [C] GOT TO REMEMBER THE [G7] THINGS TO FORGET
AND [C] LOVE BECOMES A COPY OF THE [G7] THINGS YOU REGRET

I MET A [C] GIRL FROM ETHI [G7] OPIA
SHE [C] HELPED ME OVERCOME MY [G7] PHOBIA
I WAS HER [C] KING SOLOMON SHE MY [G7] SHEBA QUEEN
[C] NAPOLEON FOR HIS [G7] JOSEPHINE
[C] AYE , AYE [G7] AYE, AYE [C] AYE, AYE [G7] AYE, AYE [C] , AYE!

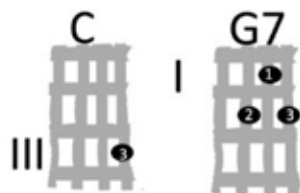
CHORUS:

[C] SOUL THAT I MEET TO [G7] DAY
[C] HELP ME ON MY [G7] WAY
[C] SOUL THAT I GET TO [G7] KNOW
AS YOU ARE [C] TRAVELLIN TRAVELLIN TRAVEL [G7] LIN AROUND THE
WORLD [C][G7][C][G7][C][G7][C][G7]

[C] MAN FROM BABY [G7] LONIA
TRY AND [C] STEAL YOUR MONEY AND [G7] OWN YA
WELL I [C] GOT GOOD ADVICE I WAS [G7] HIP TO HIS GAME
[C] NOT GONNA FALL FOR THAT [G7] TRICK AGAIN..
[C] AYE , AYE [G7] AYE, AYE [C] AYE, AYE [G7] AYE, AYE [C] , AYE!

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WORLD [C]

[C][G7][C][G7] [C][G7] [C][G7]

[C][G7] [C][G7] [C][G7] [C][G7]

[C][G7] [C][G7] [C][G7] [C][G7]

THERE'S A [C] MAN FROM BABY [G7] LONIA
TRY AND [C] STEAL YOUR MONEY AND [G7] OWN YA
WELL I [C] GOT GOOD ADVICE I WAS [G7] HIP TO HIS GAME
[C] NOT GONNA FALL FOR THAT [G7] TRICK AGAIN..

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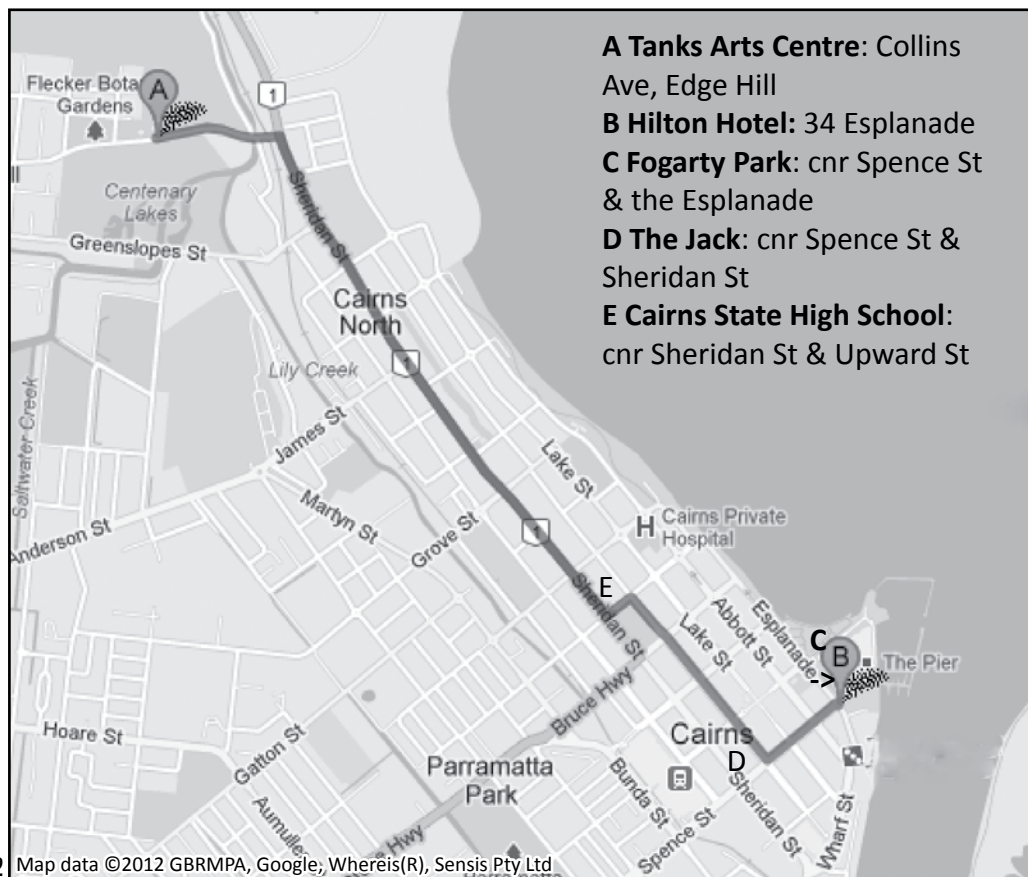
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WORLD [C]

WE ARE TRAVELLIN TRAVELLIN TRAVELLIN AROUND THE WORLD
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OUTRO (NICKY SOLO RECORDER) [C][G7][C][G7] ETC

VENUE LOCATIONS

CAIRNS UKULELE FESTIVAL

- (A) TANKS ARTS CENTRE
- (B) HILTON 6 DEGREES BAR
- (B) HILTON BALLROOM
- (B) HILTON MEETING ROOMS
- (C) FOGARTY PARK
- (D) THE JACK
- (E) CAIRNS STATE HIGH SCHOOL





FRIDAY 6 JULY

Eddie Finn Ukulele

Mystery Tour

All aboard! Join the international Cairns Ukulele Festival artists on this original 22 tone double decker bus and cruise the sights of Cairns ukulele party style!

Feature artists on this tour are fulare_pad from Japan.

Your hosts are experienced local tour guide Luke Walker and ukulele party animal Craig Chee.

SOLD OUT*



ANUE NUE AUSTRALIAN UKULELE SHOWCASE

The second year of the Australian Ukulele Showcase at the Cairns Ukulele Festival promises to be a big one! The showcase is designed to give ukulele talent from around Australia an opportunity to play at the biggest ukulele event in Australia. This year, the night is held in the prestigious Hilton Ballroom. At the end of the night there will be an open mic opportunity for a selected few, blackboard style. Entry is by donation and it is an all ages event.

FRIDAY JULY 6TH FROM 6.30PM.

TIME	ACT
18:30	CAMERON MURRAY (SYDNEY)
19:00	
19:30	
20:00	FAHAR (BROSBARNE)
20:30	
21:00	
21:30	THOM JACKSON (MELBOURNE)
22:00	
22:30	
23:00	EDGER THAN BERHUR (BROSBARNE)
23:30	
24:00	
24:30	GRAHAM & JERRY (GRIFFIN) (SYDNEY)
25:00	
25:30	
26:00	EDSKO & HONEY (CAIRNS)
26:30	
27:00	
27:30	
28:00	OPEN MIC
28:30	
29:00	FINISH



SATURDAY 7 JULY

**LANIKAI UKULELE DAY
INCLUDING WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT**

All day, we'll be in Fogarty Park on the Esplanade in the CBD of Cairns. We are proud to bring you a day full of free entertainment for the whole family and a chance for you to take part in a world record attempt.

From 12pm onwards, there will be performances by ukulele clubs, schools and other artists. This is a day full of ukulele excitement, with the famous world record attempt 'largest ukulele ensemble' around 5pm, followed by a performance by Lanikai endorsed USA artist Jumpingflea and others.

There will be market stalls, free kids and adults ukulele workshops, kids activities and more!

Bring a blanket and have a picnic with the family.



A section of the crowd from last year's WRA

TIME	
12:00	CAIRNS UKULELE CLUB
12:30	
12:30	TORRES STRAIT UKULELE TROUPE
12:40	
12:40	THE CLUES
12:50	
13:00	TOWNSVILLE UKULELE CLUB
13:10	
13:20	
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15:00	TRIS (TRINITY ANGLICAN SCHOOL) UKES
15:10	
15:20	
15:30	ST ANDREWS - UKEPHERIA
15:40	

TIME	
15:50	UKENASIA
16:00	
16:10	
16:20	
16:30	ASSEMBLY FOR WORLD RECORD ENTERTAINMENT UKULELE INSTRUCTION
16:40	
16:50	
17:00	
17:10	
17:20	ATTEMPT
17:30	
17:40	
17:50	
18:00	
18:10	
18:20	MATT DAHLBERG & FRIENDS
18:30	
18:40	
18:50	
19:00	FINISH - OFF TO THE JACK!

UKULELE PARTY

NIGHT!!!

Continue the Saturday's activities after the program finishes on the Esplanade by walking from Fogarty Park up Spence Street to the Union Jack for a huge night of entertainment!

**7.30PM:
CRAIG CHEE
(HAWAII) &
FRIENDS**
**8.30PM:
BUSTAMENTO
(MELBOURNE)**
**10PM –
MIDNIGHT:
OPEN
UKULELE MIC**



SUNDAY 8 JULY

MAIN CONCERT DAY

The Sunday 8th of July at the Tanks Arts Centre is the highlight of the Cairns Ukulele Festival. All international performers will perform in this beautiful venue, as well as Australian performers, with as backdrop tropical rainforest.

This is a perfect day to see the cream of ukulele artists perform as well as learn more about ukuleles and various builders. To complement the action there will be a range of market stalls. All major ukulele brands will be represented at the festival with product demonstrators from Kala, Lanikai, Kanile'a, KoAloha, Maton and aNueNue ukuleles. It's a great opportunity to see some of the ukuleles in action and learn about them from the experts.

Rain, hail or shine, the show goes on – any sessions scheduled for the amphitheatre will move to Tank 3.

	TANK 3	TANK 4	TANK 3 AMPHITHEATRE
9:30	GATES OPEN	GATES OPEN	GATES OPEN
9:45			
10:00			
10:15		MIKE JACKSON	RENÉE SCARLES
10:30			
10:45	FOURIE PAD		
11:00			
11:15			
11:30			
11:45	JARON KEIM		
12:00			
12:15			
12:30		MULTI DAVIDS WORKSHOP	
12:45			
13:00			DEREK SEBASTIAN
13:15			
13:30			
13:45			
14:00		JAN WITH AARON KEIM	
14:15			
14:30			
14:45			ORANG CHEE
15:00			
	EVENING PROGRAM		
15:15			
15:30	HERB OWEN JR.		
15:45			
16:00			
16:15	A.J. BIGNARD'S TROPICAL LOUNGE		
16:30			
16:45			
17:00			
17:15	MANUTOA HALL		
17:30			
17:45			
18:00			
18:15			
18:30	PAUL HEMMINGS UKULELE		
18:45			
19:00	WITH SPECIAL GUEST SERMAN DAN		
19:15			
19:30	FINALE		
19:45			
20:00		UKULELE AUCTION CLOSING EVENT	
20:15		W/ LIVE ENTERTAINMENT	
20:30		FINAL BIDS	
20:45			
21:00		FINISH	

ARTIST'S BIOS

AJ LEONARD'S TROPICAL LOUNGE

When A.J. started playing ukulele in 1974 in Melbourne, there were very few players in Australia. In 2006 he visited Hawaii to purchase a new ukulele and whilst there sowed the seeds for his first ukulele-based album, 'Tales From the Tropics'. Whilst in Cairns he will be releasing his seventh album 'Australian Songbook' produced and arranged with Tropical Lounge partner David Billings (vocals, ukulele, guitar). The band includes A.J.'s longtime performing partner Jenny Rowlands (the hardest working cellist in show business) and Wendy Rowlands on vocals, accordion, percussion and keyboards.



BUSTAMENTO

Over the years founding member Nicky Bomba has formed and played with bands purely for the love of the music and the adventures they create. From the early days with his band Bomba at John's Blues Bar to recent performances at Reggaetown World Music Festival with the Nicky Bomba All Stars, and with John Butler at the Kuranda Amphitheatre, every time Nicky comes to town, Cairns smiles!

Nicky Bomba – Vocals, Ukulele, Percussion; Barry Deenick – Double Bass, Ukulele bass, Vocals; Paul Coyle – Trumpet, Vocals; George Servanis – Percussion, Vocals; Michael Caruana – Piano; Peter Mitchell - Saxophone.

BIGGER THAN BENHUR

Born and raised in the Northern Territory Benhur (*that's him in the picture there*) has been singing all his life. Benhur performed in trio called Blackbirds. In 2010 they found themselves on the semi-finals of Australia's Got Talent. This year Benhur made the hard decision to leave the band and go solo by moving to Queensland and he is currently working on his debut album and collaborating with other musicians around Brisbane.

BOSKO & HONEY

Far North ukulele duo Bosko and & Honey hosted the inaugural Australian Ukulele Showcase last year and will be back as hosts again this year, as well as the final performers of the showcase. Bosko & Honey's charming and uniquely entertaining style was developed in the tropical rainforest of Kuranda just outside Cairns.

CRAIG CHEE (HAWAII)

Craig was one of the favourite performers at last year's Cairns Ukulele Festival, engaging other musicians and audience like a pro. Craig has produced a CD since then with his band, His style blends pop, funk, and rock, all on ukulele.

MATT DAHLBERG (USA)

Matt (The Jumping Flea) Dahlberg is an up and coming artist in the new revolution of ukulele players. He plays with a dedication and passion for the instrument that is infectious. Matt was featured on the front of the New York Times because he is so successful utilising the internet as a tool to teach players world-wide, and judging the ratings he receives at our festival each year, that's no surprise to us!

FULARE_PAD (JAPAN)

fulare_pad is an exciting instrumental acoustic guitar /ukulele duo from Kyoto, Japan. Blending popular genres, they write their own compositions, which range from pop/rock to mesmerising ballads. Their stage presence is engaging and 2011 seems to be the year for them, headlining the Thailand Ukulele Festival as well as the Cairns Ukulele Festival.

PAUL HEMMINGS (USA) & THE UKUJET

With The Paul Hemmings Uketet, the unassuming four-stringed Hawaiian instrument takes its place front and center, alongside bass and drums, in a well-seasoned jazz combo that pushes the boundaries of what has often been considered a mere novelty instrument. Based in New York City, Paul Hemmings serves up a savory blend of jazz standards, contemporary classics, and original music.

HOOLA (GRAHAM AND JENNY GRIFFITH)

Graham and Jenny Griffith, from the band "Hoola" play a mix of Hawaiian, hapa-haole, steel guitar and surf music. With Jenny on ukulele and Graham on Hawaiian steel guitar and both on vocals, the duo will take you to the beaches of Hawaii and California.

MIKE JACKSON

Mike Jackson is Australia's biggest music book seller. With his book range Uke 'n' Play ukulele, he continues to top the music book charts. Mike will be conducting several workshops in the week leading up to the festival as well as during the festival, for both kids and adults.

THOM JACKSON

Thom Jackson is no stranger to the Cairns Ukulele Festival. Thom came up both years with his father Mike to conduct ukulele playing workshops and joined in on stage with numerous ukulele friends from around the globe. However, this will be his first feature performance as a solo performer and we look forward to hearing his self-penned material!

AARON KEIM (USA)

In 2009, The Quiet American recorded his first solo record, on an 1890's wax cylinder machine! Like a voice from the past that seems to know the future, this self titled release is a favourite of old time music and audiophiles alike. His newest CD, "The Quiet American Vol. II," is a showcase of Aaron as a solo act. The original songs sound like classics and the traditionals sound fresh and new. During the last few years, Aaron has become a firm favourite on the US ukulele festival circuit, and is considered one of the best ukulele instructors around.

MANITOBA HAL (CANADA)

Manitoba Hal is a consummate blues man – in earlier days with guitar, but since 2008 with ukulele. "I was born at the blues and when I found that music inside me, the ukulele came alive and my soul started

expressing itself in songs that flowed with that music,” he says. “The blues is where my soul came into this world. Where it will end up I don’t know but I’m ready for the journey”.

CAMERON MURRAY

Cameron Murray, editor of Australia’s only ukulele-dedicated ukulele magazine, Kamuke, will follow Kahiwa with a set that will take you back to the days when the ukulele first was introduced into popular music. Hawaii was all the rage in the early 1900’s and ukulele music was heard in just about every movie. Cameron presents his take on the hapa-haole hits and Tin Pan Alley classics as well as a range of classics that will take you on a musical journey back in time.

HERB OHTA JR. (HAWAII)

International recording artist Herb Ohta, Jr., is considered to be one of today’s most prolific ukulele masters.

Influenced by Jazz, R&B, Latin and Brazilian music, he puts his stamp on Hawaiian music by pushing the limits of tone and technique on this beautiful instrument.

This Na Hoku Hanohano Award winner (Hawaiian equivalent to the Grammy) and four-time Hawai’i Music Award winner effortlessly translates the beauty and culture of Hawai’i through his creative expression of music. With nine solo albums, eight duet albums in circulation, and contributions on more than 40 recordings, he is well on his way to matching his father’s legacy.

In 2011, “‘Ukulele Nahenahe” won the Hawai’i Music Award for Best ‘Ukulele Recording and also won the Na Hoku Hanohano Award for Best Instrumental.

DERICK SEBASTIAN (HAWAII)

Through faith and hard work, Maui born local Derick Sebastian continues to live his dream as an accomplished ukulele virtuoso. Derick’s critically acclaimed instrumental album, From His Heart, earned him a Na Hoku Hanohano 2010 nomination. With a personal commitment to his work, Derick’s musical journey is on the upswing, and you won’t want to miss the opportunity to watch this young Maui man’s star continue to rise...STOP. UKE. LISTEN!

KAHIWA SEBIRE

Kahiwa came to Cairns with the Brisbane Ukulele Musicians Society and had such a blast she wanted to share her own material with this year’s festival crowd. She has been singing since she could talk, making music since she had fine motor skills and writing songs since she picked up the ukulele.

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Torres Uke Troupe;
Cairns Ukulele Club; and,
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