

# AJ LEONARD

Bio (150 words)

Multi instrumentalist, arranger and recording artist **A.J. Leonard** is one of Australia's pioneer ukulele players and is highly regarded to be among the best in the world. *"I strongly identify with the music of Hawaii where the ukulele has never been a novelty."* Such inspiration sowed the seeds for AJ's debut album *Tales From the Tropics*. *"My number one hobby is listening to music and (through that) I've gained a greater appreciation of the past .....its influence on me as a writer and arranger and of course the ukulele draws it all together."* AJ's unique stamp on Nostalgia and has become a bench mark for devotees. The duo with cellist **Jenny Rowlands** is a result of an appreciation for Classical and film music. They have become known for their inventive ukulele/cello interplay. The ukulele has become his muse, the key that unlocks the doors to creativity.