

AJ LEONARD

Multi instrumentalist, arranger and composer, **AJ Leonard** is one of Australia's pioneer ukulele players and is highly regarded to be among the best in the world.

Unequaled versatility and a place in ukulele hierarchy...

AJ's ukulele career began in the flourishing live folk scene in Melbourne in the late 1970's. During this time he was fortunate to meet expert ukulele player Bernie Mulcahy who had been playing uke since the 1920's. AJ was able to learn many specialist strumming patterns from someone who had played during the golden era of the ukulele.



In the intervening years AJ has explored many musical genres both old and new and brings his collective knowledge to his workshops for others to share the experience. He has long believed the ukulele to be an underrated instrument that is capable of enriching and inspiring both performers and listeners. His workshops cover all levels and create a special atmosphere that will have people perceiving and appreciating the ukulele in an entirely new way.

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Selected Workshops

- Illawarra Folk Festival NSW
- National Folk Festival ACT
- Newstead Live VIC
- Yackandandah Festival VIC
- Ukulele Retreat Australia WA
- Newkulele Festival NSW
- Snowy Mtns Festival NSW
- Folkworld Fairbridge Festival WA
- Blue Mtns Music Festival NSW
- Central Coast Ukulele Festival NSW
- New York Ukulele Festival NY
- Ukulele Academy of Nth Carolina NC
- Wine Country Ukulele Retreat CA
- Melbourne Ukulele Festival VIC
- Cairns Ukulele Festival QLD
- Ukulele Heaven Convention NZ
- New Zealand Ukulele Festival NZ

"This workshop was fantastic...AJ showed us how he has taken a pretty ordinary arrangement and changed it into something pretty special."

"We did some work on strumming patterns which was invaluable ...The time just flew."

"Great music...love the chord progressions... the cello adds a wonderful depth to the presentation of each piece (and Jenny looks like she really enjoys playing...always a bonus to this particular member of any audience!)"

"Thank you for the best ukulele workshop/concert we have had here on the coast. Everyone just loved you and I thank you both for taking the time to be part of the festival. What a great night and great concert to start our weekend."