

# Ukulele! Strumming through the Americas

Grades 3-6



Have fun learning to play the ukulele! Students will learn chords, strumming, songs from the Americas, and more.

A perfect companion to the S'Cool Sounds recorder program, the course will introduce students to the ukulele allowing classrooms to form ensembles and play songs together. The ukulele is the perfect instrument for students to start learning the basic principles of harmony and to become acquainted with song forms.

**Live lessons (in-person or remote) with a S'Cool Sounds teaching artist will be enhanced by a learning resource site which will include original instructional videos, written instructions, pictures, and sheet music.**

## LESSON 1

C Chord & "Canción de un Acorde - La Pisada"

First chord and strumming pattern (C chord); Song: "Canción de un Acorde - La Pisada" by Juan Trujillo

## LESSON 2

G Chord & "Canción de dos Acordes - Las Dos Pisadas"

Second chord and strumming pattern (G chord); Song: "Las Dos Pisadas" by Juan Trujillo

## LESSON 3

F Chord & "Guantanamera"

Third chord and learning a 3-chord song; Song: "Guantanamera" by Joséito Fernández

## LESSON 4

D7 chord & "Three-Note Calypso"

D7 chord and the key of G and Caribbean music; Song: "Three-Note Calypso" by Nina Stern

## LESSON 5

I, IV, V in G & "Three-Note Samba"

Playing I, IV, V chord progression in G and Brazilian music; Song: "Three-Note Samba" by Nina Stern

## LESSON 6

New Strumming Patterns & "Joropito de Tres Notas"

New strumming patterns and Joropito Venezolano; Song: "Joropito de Tres Notas" by Juan Trujillo

## LESSON 7

"La Bamba"

La Bamba! In the style of Son Jarocho; Song: "La Bamba"

## LESSON 8

A minor key & "Merengue sin Letra"

A happy and minor merengue with two chords; Song: "Merengue sin Letra" by José V. Peña Suaso

## LESSON 9

Black American Music

Blues with ukulele; Song: "Killing Floor," by Howlin' Wolf

## LESSON 10

Black American Music

Gospel with ukulele; Song: "This Little Light of Mine"