

PRESS RELEASE

Winchester Ukulele Festival 2017



After selling out last year, the Winchester Ukulele Festival returns, bigger and better, to the Winchester Rugby Football Club on Saturday 3rd June 2017.

Once again there will be an unparalleled international line up of musical talent performing a wide variety of styles including blues, jazz, folk, rock and even punk and opera. If you thought ukulele playing was just about George Formby - think again.

Headlining this year, from the USA, is **Del Rey**, the Queen of the Blues, in her only UK festival appearance. From Italy we have the incomparable **Francesco Albertazzi** and from the UK the amazing **Andy Eastwood**, the banjolele maestro. A highlight this year is the appearance of **Opere-lele**, an operatic duo who, you guessed it, play ukulele and who are receiving glowing reviews for their hugely entertaining performances.

Combine this with **Uke Punk** from Manchester, the rising star **Ennè** playing her unique blend of R&B, the return of **Phil Doleman**, the amazing **Mother Ukers** and a splendid strum-a-long and we're set for an exceptional day of music.

Local interest is also covered by a return of 'Battle of the Uke Jams', where local ukulele groups will perform to a panel of international judges in a bid to win the prestigious 'Golden Ukulele'.

The festival lasts all day and will include ukulele workshops, displays by top name ukulele manufacturers, plenty of fine food stalls and real ale in the bar. Everything will be undercover in case of summer weather and the site allows for ample free parking.

Tickets are only £24.

Gates open 8.30. Last admission 19.00. Bar closes at 23.30

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