



Uka-PALOOZA! *Florida* at the Florida State Fair

10am-10pm

Location: Charles M. Davis Special Events Center

Uka-PALOOZA! Central

FAQs

Question: What is it?

The first-ever ukulele festival at the 122-year-old Florida State Fair in Tampa presented by the Florida State Fair and the Tampa Bay Ukulele Society (TBUS). LUNA Guitars, Ukuleles and Percussion is the Ukulele Sponsor of Uka-PALOOZA!

It will happen Feb. 9, 2019, on the first Saturday of the fair which runs Feb. 7-18. Uke and family fun activities are scheduled 10am-4pm. A Performers Showcase with regional uke bands and Jam with James Hill is 4-7pm. The Night Concert with James Hill is from 8pm (doors open, festival seating) until 10pm.

Question: What is the cost?

Uka-PALOOZA! at the Florida State Fair, advance ticket: \$9 adult (12+)
\$5 child (6-11)

Access to the Uka-PALOOZA! in the Charles M. Davis Special Events Center and all events scheduled there 10am-7pm, on the Fair Midway, all fair agricultural and animal exhibits, the Market Place, everything else at the fair until closing that day.

FAQS CONT.

8-10pm

The Night Concert with James Hill requires a separate concert ticket. Advance ticket: \$20 adult; \$10 child; at the gate, \$25 adult; \$15 child

A combo advance ticket for the State Fair and Night Concert can be purchased online. Combo advance ticket: \$29 adult; \$15 child

All tickets can be purchased at this link:

<https://tickets.floridastatefair.net/webStore/landingPage?cg=AdvOn19J&c=AdvGenJ>

Question: What are scheduled uke activities?

It's All About the Uke!

MAIN STAGE

10:45-11:45am and 12:15-1:15pm Beginner workshops taught by TBUS members. 50 tuned loaner ukes available, first come, first served. Workshops sponsored by TBUS and Luna Guitars, Ukuleles and Percussion. Registration: 10:15am and noon.

2:10-2:45pm The Hawaiian Show with Sounds of Aloha and Noelani Tagarelli, The Royal Polynesian Revue of Donna Marie's School of Dance presented by TBUS and Mikey's Aloha Shirts, Clearwater.

CLASSROOM

2:45-3:45pm Special Teach the Teachers Workshop with James Hill. Fair admission and separate ticket required. \$20 advance registration; \$25 late registration if spots are available. Limited to 50 adults. Tuned loaner ukes available. Teachers Workshop sponsored by TBUS and Luna Guitars, Ukuleles and Percussion.

Link for advance fair ticket:

<https://tickets.floridastatefair.net/webStore/landingPage?cg=AdvOn19&c=AdvGenJ>

Link for workshop sign-up: <https://squareup.com/store/tampa-bay-ukulele-society/item/james-hill-teach-the-teachers-ukulele-workshop>

ON THE MAIN STAGE

3-3:45pm TBUS Jammers Jam: TBUS library workshop teachers or jam/open mic leaders have selected favorite songs they will lead at the jam. Bring your own uke.

4-7 pm Performers Showcase with Tom Hood and the Tropical Sons, Big Tiki and the Mai Tais, Junction 27 and the Songwriters Circle and Jam with James Hill. Performers Showcase sponsored by Replay Guitar Exchange.

7pm Merch sales, signing

7:15pm Festival closes.

THE NIGHT CONCERT WITH JAMES HILL

Special Events Center doors open at 8pm

8pm Seating

8:30pm Opening act The Barnkickers

9-10pm James Hill

Question: What do you have for non-ukers?

The doors to the Special Events Center open at 10am.

Family activities are from 10am-4pm.

- Ukulele “petting zoo” with TBUS

- The SHAMc ARTreach Experience: Arts and crafts activities presented by the Safety Harbor Arts and Music Center, public art “SHAMdeliers,” Color a Uke, mosaic making
- Hawaiian Corner sponsored and presented by Linda Dyer and her hula friends and ohana, Hui Na Aikane O Hawaii
- Hawaiian Shirt Contest sponsored by Mikey’s Aloha Shirts
- The Hot Spot sponsored by Demo Sales Inc. featuring The Amateur SPAM-Off cooking contest and SPAM-a-Lot: the incredible Spam Carving Contest
- Ukuleles from Gulf to Bay Bait and Tackle
- Ukuleles and other instruments from Replay Guitar Exchange
- Cigar Box Uke Luthier: demos and displays with Brett Holden of The Wooden Biscuit
- Cool Art Uke Box Displays
- Uke and other prize opportunity drawings
- The American Hibiscus Society Sunset Chapter Annual Flower Show

For more information:

TBUS website:

<https://www.facebook.com/www.TbusCares.org/>

Facebook group: Tampa Bay Ukulele Society

To join TBUS: <http://www.meetup.com/tampabayukes>

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