MOUNT AIRY UKULELE FESTIVAL

GEORGE SMITH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019
3:00-4:30 pm  CIRCLE JAM WITH KENT KNORR AND GEORGE SMITH, Beginners, Andy Griffith Playhouse
4:30-6:30 pm  DINNER ON YOUR OWN
6:30-8:00 pm  IMPROVISING SOLOS, Intermediate and up, George Smith, Andy Griffith Playhouse

Improvising Solos. Intermediate and up. This class will examine how to make up solos as you go in many genres of pop, folk and rock music. We will look at the importance of melody, embellishments and dynamics to execute emotions on the fly. Sometimes you only need a few notes and some soul!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019
Participants wishing to perform on the live radio broadcast (Merry-Go-Round) will be in this group from 9:30-12:00. All levels. Music from The Daily Ukulele (and other sources) will be provided. Kent Knorr and George Smith
9:30-10:30 am WPAQ MERRY-GO-ROUND REHEARSAL, Historic Earle Theatre
11:00-12:00 pm WPAQ MERRY-GO-ROUND, Instructors and Students, Historic Earle Theatre,
Live Radio Broadcast (2nd longest continuously running live radio broadcast in the nation – 2nd only to Grand Ol’ Opry)
12:00-1:30 pm LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
1:30-3:00 pm SLIDE UKE, All levels, George Smith, Siamese Twins Exhibit/Lower level Andy Griffith Playhouse
Have fun playing slide ukulele! This class will begin with some basic slide techniques; choosing a slide and applying it to some basic blues. We will look at a couple of open tunings as well as playing in standard. More advanced soloing techniques will also be addressed, such as playing in the style of the Allman Brothers.
3:15-4:30 pm PEDAL EFFECTS and AMPS, All levels, George Smith, Andy Griffith Museum Theatre/Lower level Andy Griffith Museum
Learn ways to augment your sound, electronically. We will touch on common tones of playing through an amp, preamp, PA moving to boosts and various kinds of distortion. Subtle to ethereal reverb and delay will also be discussed before we venture into ukuleian out-of-this-world synth, wah and harmony effects. You can still learn from this class without owning an electric uke.
4:30-5:00 pm Sound Check, Andy Griffith Playhouse, Instructors only
4:30-6:30 pm DINNER ON YOUR OWN
7:00-8:30 pm MOUNT AIRY UKULELE FESTIVAL INSTRUCTOR SHOWCASE, All Instructors and Students, Andy Griffith Playhouse

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019
10:15-11:00 am UKE POP/ROCK, George Smith, All levels, Andy Griffith Playhouse