

## KUBAS (Kent Ukulele & Banjulele Appreciation Society)

### Ukulele Information

It is reported that the ukulele was introduced into Hawaii in around 1880 by Portuguese immigrants. These immigrants had a similar instrument called a machete. The Hawaiian name “ukulele” translates to “Jumping Flea”.

Ukuleles are manufactured in various sizes. This needs to be considered when you are buying your first ukulele.

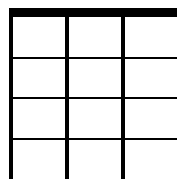
There are actually 6 sizes available but most players only use the three common sizes shown below in yellow:

#### Ukulele Sizes

Size	Scale Length	Total Length
Sopranio	11 inch (279mm)	16 inch (406mm)
Soprano	13 inch (330mm)	21 inch (533mm)
Concert	15 inch (381mm)	23 inch (584mm)
Tenor	17 inch (432mm)	26 inch (660mm)
Baritone	19 inch (483mm)	29 inch (737mm)
Bass	21 inch (533mm)	30 inch (762mm)

These three common sizes (Soprano, Concert & Tenor) are tuned in the standard “C” tuning (**GCEA**). The standard “C” tuning is shown below with the “A” string nearest the floor when holding a ukulele.

G C E A



The majority of players either play a “Concert” or “Tenor” size but try them out to see which feels the best for you.

#### Prices

As a guide, expect to pay the below:

<b>Starter - entry level</b>	<b>£25 - £75</b>
<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>£75 - £150</b>
<b>Professional</b>	<b>£150 - £1000</b>

This depends on the type of wood used and whether it is laminate or solid in the ukulele construction.

I hope the above helps and good luck with buying and playing a ukulele.