



UKULELES FOR SANITY

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UKULELE PROTEST GROUP BRINGING ANTI-BUSH MESSAGE TO NYC

A group of politically progressive ukulele players calling themselves **Ukuleles For Sanity** will be participating in street protests during the week of the Republican National Convention in New York City. Their message: the smallest voice can be a mighty force.

“**Ukuleles For Sanity** is an organization of professional musicians and musical enthusiasts who have found their voice in the diminutive four-stringed ukulele and, with it, are speaking out against both the democracy-hating, war-mongering, gay-bashing occupational oil cartel known as the Bush Administration, and the morally bankrupt, flagrantly right wing activist members of the Supreme Court who put Bush in power against the wishes of American voters,” according to their website at <http://ukesanity.org>.

“Armed only with our love of democracy, our civic outrage and perhaps the most portable protest instrument in the history of music, **Ukuleles For Sanity** is coming to the streets of New York City to march and strum in defiance of George W. Bush,” says group representative Tom “Ukulele Man” Harker. “Ours is a message of empowerment. We want to show what many small voices can say when they get together.”

In addition to marching in the larger street protest planned for Sunday, August 29, **Ukuleles For Sanity** is putting on a fundraising concert on Friday, August 27, at the **Fez Under Time Café** located in New York at 380 Lafayette Street at Great Jones. Called *Dubya's Ukulele Farewell Party*, the concert is promised to be “an evening of original and traditional protest songs, largely mocking in nature, performed by some of today’s finest alternative ukulele musicians,” according to the website. The phone number for the **Fez Under Time Café** is (212) 533-7000.

Among the performers scheduled to perform are acid folk rock legend Peter Stampfel of Holy Modal Rounders and Fugs fame, Songs From a Random House, Carmaig de Forest, LD Beghtol, Tom Harker, Kirk Kelly, Michael Leviton, Heather Lev, Kings County Queens, The Whisky Rebellion, Lloyd Gold, the Hoppin’ Haole Brothers, Skizz Cyzyk, Roger Greenawalt, Patsy Monteleone, Uke Jackson, and Sonic Uke.

The concert’s emcee will be actress, director, and producer Ileana Douglas, star of “Grace of My Heart” and “To Die For.” Douglas is said to be the recent recipient of a birthday ukulele.

Admission to the concert is \$15 at the door, with **Ukuleles For Sanity**’s share of the proceeds going to **United For Peace and Justice**, the organizers of the larger street protest on Sunday, August 29.

United For Peace and Justice’s website address is <http://www.unitedforpeace.org> and their telephone number is (212) 868-5545.

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