

# PLAYING WITH A GROUP

Ukulele Tuesdays – Evergreen Library

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# PLAYING MUSIC IS MORE THAN JUST MEMORIZING A BUNCH OF CHORDS ON YOUR INSTRUMENT.

That's difficult. And takes a long time.

# TYPES OF GROUPS YOU CAN PLAY IN

- Relaxed jam session (like ours)
- Classroom
- Strict jam session
- Circle jam (ex. bluegrass circle)
- Band
- Symphony / Orchestra

Low key

Lots of etiquette and rules

# BASIC ETIQUETTE

- Have fun
- Keep your uke in tune
- Keep a steady rhythm
  - It's very easy to speed up
- Listen to others
  - If you can't hear the lead, you are probably playing too loud
- Follow the leader (if there is one)
- Don't be afraid of new material
- Have fun

# BEFORE THE JAM

- Review the set list
- Listen to any songs you may not know already
- Try to practice the songs
  - Chord changes
  - Lyrics

# DURING THE JAM

- Starting a song
  - Watch the leader
  - He/she will nod to start the group
  - He/she might play an intro, then you join in after
- Don't be a show off unless you have a solo
- Between songs
  - Try not to noodle
  - Double check your tuning

# WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'RE LOST

- Don't worry. It's OK! 😊
- You have a few options
  1. Stop playing and listen for the lead, then rejoin the lead when you're ready
  2. Vamp the song's root chord (ex Key of C Major > vamp C)
- Chords you don't know
  - Play the "Zed" chord
  - Play the Major or Minor version of the chord (ex. C7 > just play C)
  - Play nothing and wait until the next chord



# QUESTIONS?

