



# Marry-Anne Tamati

## Waiata on Strings

Music has always been a whānau affair. The ukulele has always been part of my life, thanks to my parents—passionate players who filled our home with music. They had a knack for finding “half notes,” what I now know as sharps and flats. Useful, practical and applicable.

What a vibe!

We used numbers to name our chords—and played entirely by ear. Our strumming flowed naturally with the rhythm, tempo, and beat of each song—down, up, down only? Yeah, nah, no fun in that!

About seven years ago, I picked up the ukulele again, and joined LX UKES from Alexandra, finally ready to learn the names behind the chords I’d always known – and a structured pathway of learning in a supportive, fun environment – still strumming!

I may not read music, but I can follow chord charts, trust my ear, hum a tune, strum with joy and just have fun! That is the beauty of the ukulele for me.

Join this lively ukulele workshop exploring waiata Māori (Māori songs). Designed for players of all levels, with a practical, easy-to-follow fun approach and in a relaxed enjoyable space, participants will be guided to:

- strum and sing Māori songs with ease
- explore the history and meaning behind each waiata
- build confidence using correct pronunciation
- grow their repertoire of Māori songs
- experience the unique beauty of waiata Māori

Nau mai, haere mai (welcome, welcome), join us for good vibes, great waiata and a culturally rich musical experience.

### 3. What Attendees Need to Know

Skill level (beginner, intermediate, advanced)

What to bring (e.g. ukulele, tuner, capo, notebook)

No preparation required

#### VENUE:-

Fiordland Community House

21 Luxmore Drive

#### TIME:-

Saturday 3:30-5:00pm