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ANNOUNCING “MIGHTY UKE DAY 6”
FRIDAY - SUNDAY, MAY 13 - 15, 2016
OLD TOWN LANSING, MI

“Mighty Uke Day is a celebration of the diminutive yet dynamic ukulele and honors its unique ties to Michigan culture, as well as its contributions to music education and appreciation in the schools and community.”

Mighty Uke Day in Lansing’s Old Town is Michigan’s largest ukulele festival; it brings together live shows, workshops, open mic performances, children’s activities, strum-alongs, jams, and much more in a three-day celebration of the “people’s instrument,” Friday through Sunday, May 13 - 15.

Performers and virtuosos share the stage with amateurs and local ukulele clubs. The Lansing Area Ukulele Group and other groups and solo artists will be featured in performances throughout the day.

The sixth year of the event will feature **Victor & Penny** headlining the festival Friday, May 13 and **Kalei Gamiao** headlining Saturday, May 14. Opening the shows will be Michigan musicians *Marlowe, Megan Dooley, Ryan Rodriguez, and The Ukulele Kings*. Saturday’s concert will also feature Detroit’s *Hoaloha Polynesian Dance Group* performing traditional Hawaiian hula. The weekend’s events will conclude with an acoustic performance by *Kalei Gamiao* on Sunday.

Celebrating a time when style mattered and class was king, Kansas City’s *Victor & Penny* feature tight harmonies, dazzling guitar work and a fiery ukulele. This corset-tight duo crafts clever original tunes and brings a modern voice to prohibition era jazz with charm and hot licks. (mightyukeday.com/victor-and-penny/)

Part of the new wave of Hawaiian ukulele artists honoring the past while taking the instrument into new directions, *Kalei Gamiao* mesmerizes audiences with imaginative musicality and flawless execution. He embraces a wide range of jazz, rock, pop, classical, blues, flamenco, and funk styles while paying homage to his island roots. Kalei has performed around the world in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China, Hong Kong,

Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand but this is his first visit to Michigan and the Midwest. (mightyukeday.com/kalei-gamiao/)

The weekend kicks off with a flash mob at noon Friday, May 13 with an appearance by what will be soon certified by Guinness as the world's largest playable ukulele.

All events will be held in historic and picturesque Old Town Lansing at various locations, including the Urban Beat Event Center (1215 Turner), Elderly Instruments (1100 N. Washington), Sir Pizza Grand Café (201 E. Grand River), The Old Town General Store (408 E. Grand River), Red Cedar Friends (1400 Turner), MICA Gallery (1210 Turner), Mother Earth & Baby Boutique (1212 Turner), Absolute Gallery (307 E. Grand River), and other locations. Our Friday and Saturday evening concerts will be held in the beautiful Dart Auditorium at Lansing Community College, sponsored by LCC Radio 89.7 WLNZ. Up-to-date information is available at mightyukeday.com and on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/mightyukeday.

Many of the day's activities are free of charge. Tickets for the concerts and workshops are sold ala carte and are available in advance online via mightyukeday.com at the door during the festival.

A silent auction of ukuleles and accessories and other proceeds from the festival will benefit *Music is the Foundation*, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that supports a variety of music programs in the Lansing and Holt school districts and area communities. (mightyukeday.com/mitf/)

Mighty Uke Day is generously sponsored by Elderly Instruments, Kala Brand Instruments, GHS Strings, Kamaka Ukulele, Mainland Ukulele, LCC Radio 89.7 WLNZ, Dean Transportation, Sir Pizza Grand Cafe, the Old Town General Store, the Old Town Commercial Association, Interlochen Center for the Arts, and others.

A full schedule, tickets downloadable poster, and much more are available at mightyukeday.com.

"If more people played the ukulele, the world would be a better place."
Jake Shimabukuro

"It's the thinking man's violin" Krusty the Clown