92Y SCHOOL OF MUSIC Group Ukulele Class What You need to Know and Bring!

Please Bring your Uke and Tuner to every class!

You need a Uke case! It is a padded carrying bag (called a "gig bag"). Most Ukes will come with a (hard) case or (soft) gig bag. A strap is not necessary but desirable.

The **most important thing** about a Ukulele is that it has "low action", i.e. it's easy to press down with your fingers on the fretboard to make chords. An instrument with "high" action is harder to play. The **second** most important thing is that the tuner works well and it stays in tune.

Here are some **Uke** brands to consider:

Protege U1-M; Luna TC MAH (somewhat larger body); Mitchell MU40NT (small neck good for children); Other brands that are good: Kala (get one of the \$60 and up models); Lana

Here are three places where you can purchase a Uke and tuners **online**: <u>Musiciansfriend</u>; <u>amazon.com</u>; <u>Elderly.com</u>

In **person** – Sam Ash and Guitar Center have many options!

TUNERS:

1) Snark clip-on tuner - comes in different colors & has a color LED readout, somewhat big, (you can't leave this tuner on your headstock and put it in your gig bag or case though).

2) D'Addario makes a small clip-on tuner. The D'addario tuner is small enough that you can clip it onto the uke & you can just leave it on there all the time. Much smaller face to read.

3) Intellitouch tuners – larger, also clip-on.

All are digital tuners that require batteries.

If you have any questions - email us at music@92y.org