

AJ LEONARD

Multi instrumentalist, arranger and composer, **AJ Leonard** is one of Australia's pioneer ukulele players and is highly regarded to be among the best in the world.

Unequaled versatility and a place in ukulele hierarchy...

AJ uses his ability as a performer and writer to express something uniquely his own. A veteran player, he has reinvented himself both on stage and in the studio. His thirst for knowledge and sense of adventure has enabled him to scale the heady heights as a leading exponent on his chosen instrument.



With his all round abilities as instrumentalist, singer, arranger and producer he has released an avalanche of genre hopping albums since 2009. From tropical to classical, swing, jazz, pop, rock, soundtrack and exotica, they are all brushed with a Midas touch that shows no sign of letting up.

In performance with classically trained cellist **Jenny Rowlands**, they have developed a rapport, becoming known for their ukulele/cello interplay. The swing jazz trio with drums features on *Sgt Pepper* and *Soft Lights and Sweet Music*. The quartet **Tropical Lounge** features more strings and keys and a lush vocal sound described as “absolutely irresistible”. The exotica inspired octet **Ozotica** is AJ’s most ambitious project to date, adding vibes, drums & bass to comprise an ‘orchestra exotique’.

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Selected Performances

- Illawarra Folk Festival NSW
- National Folk Festival ACT
- Newstead Live VIC
- Yackandandah Festival VIC
- Newport Folk Festival VIC
- Phillip Island Musicfest VIC
- Snowy Mtns Festival NSW
- Folkworld Fairbridge Festival WA
- Blue Mtns Music Festival NSW
- Ukulele Picnic Of Hawai’i HI
- New York Ukulele Festival NY
- Ukulele Academy of Nth Carolina NC
- Wine Country Ukulele Retreat CA
- Melbourne Ukulele Festival VIC
- Cairns Ukulele Festival QLD
- Ukulele Heaven Convention NZ
- Quaranup Ukulele Retreat WA
- New Zealand Ukulele Festival

“Leonard has produced a wonderful album with a therapeutic feel to it and every song is a delight to listen to.”

“Makawao’...is a song that could easily become a standard in the islands.”

“I Can See Clearly Now...this rendering is the best I have ever heard. I LOVE THE VOCALS! I’d love to see international recognition for this artist.”

“AJ continues to release wonderful CD’s filled with quality arrangements, excellent vocals and top-quality musicianship.”

“Very beautiful...sweet and so musical...great work, AJ Leonard can be proud.”