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UKULELE ENSEMBLE OFFERS ENCORE AT SUMMER FESTIVAL SERIES

A local musical group that has been impressing crowds at home and around the world is making its second appearance at the Township of Langley's highly successful Summer Festival Series.

The Langley Ukulele Ensemble will perform at the Willoughby Community Park Amphitheatre at 7:00pm on Thursday, July 4, and the public is encouraged to come out and enjoy the free performance.

"Some of you will already have had the pleasure of being entertained by this group at local events and concerts, or read about them in the newspaper," said Summer Festival Series co-organizer Peter Tulumello, the Township's Director of Arts and Cultural Services. "These gifted young musicians wow audiences with their outstanding combination of vocals and skillful use of an instrument that is often described as quirky. The Ensemble has become our community's unofficial ambassadors because of their worldwide travels and has brought significant attention to the Township of Langley."

In 2015, the group was mentioned in an article in America's longstanding literary and culture commentary journal, *The Atlantic*, alongside other famed individuals who have played the ukulele, including George Harrison and Paul McCartney of The Beatles fame, Bing Crosby, Elvis Presley, and actors Pierce Brosnan and William H. Macy.

The Langley Ukulele Ensemble was established in the early 1980s by Peter Luongo, the other co-organizer of the Summer Festival Series, and has entertained audiences for close to four decades. It is now directed by Luongo's son Paul.

"If you haven't seen them before, you really need to put July 4 on your calendar and come out to this concert," said Tulumello. "This group of young performers will knock your socks off and their repertoire of familiar tunes from various decades will get you singing along. The Langley Ukulele Ensemble was a huge hit when they played the Series last year and we are thrilled to welcome them back."

The Summer Festival Series runs every Thursday evening through to the end of August at the Amphitheatre in Willoughby Community Park, in the 7700 Block of 202A Street, next to the Langley Events Centre.

All performances are free, suitable for all ages, and will feature a variety of musical genres. Visit tol.ca/summerfest.