

Ensemble Certification 2020

What is the Ensemble Certification Program? All players need to demonstrate an acceptable level of proficiency in many different areas to remain happy and healthy in music. This program helps you to assess your strengths and weaknesses, gives you a strategy to improve on a yearly basis, helps you become a better soloist and member of various-sized ensembles, and help you to continue to grow as a musician. This certification program is on the honor system (as is all of music). People from all over the world are rooting for you, so be proactive in finding online buddies to share your success.

☐ **Red: Recruiting**

You will find a new member to join our ukulele programs and once they've determined to stay, practice, rehearse, and move forward as a musician, you've earned your red ribbon.

☐ **Orange: Melody & Rhythm**

You will play a mystery song using only standard notation. Yes, it's an open book test. Use your resources.

☐ **Yellow: Harmony**

You will demonstrate the principal chords in the major keys of C, G, F, A, Bb and D along with the minor keys of A, D, E and G. Second year members will be asked to complete the circle of fifths and demonstrate chords in the remaining keys using barre chord forms. Third year members should be able to demonstrate all major, minor, and seventh forms.

☐ **Green: Timbre**

You will play the most advanced arpeggio from the Jumping Flea Arpeggiator your ability allows. Proper "claw" technique along with proper tonality and timing are the keys.

☐ **Blue: Counterpoint**

Blue level certification will require you to play contrapuntal melody against the main melody in a duet. (Doesn't that sound fancy?) Duet partners should prepare two songs. Each member will take turns playing the counterpoint or accompaniment ... more popularly known as lead and rhythm.

☐ **Purple: Teaching**

You will plan, lead, and review a workshop for the community, and you will be able to articulate the goals and expected behaviors of musicians in community ensemble music.

☐ **Gold: Soloist**

You will play a memorized song of your choice for an audience demonstrating a complete skill set on your instrument. Singing is acceptable, but you still must feature the ukulele.

☐ **Grey: Social Networker**

You will post flyers on community billboards as well as posting on various social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and other sites likely to support community ukulele. Take a selfie showing your enthusiastic advertisement of ukulele as the correct path forward for making music.

☐ **W@I@T@E Composing and Arranging**

You will prepare sheet music for an ensemble presentation and follow it through to performance.

☐ **Black! Basement Black Belt**

You will dutifully maintain an honest practice log demonstrating thirty consecutive days of focused thirty-minute practice sessions. Rehearsals do not count as practice.

☐ **Ribbon of Ribbons: Ribbon of Ribbons**

Acquire all ribbons in the course of one year.