

Bruce Watson



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Bruce Watson – Ukulele

Bruce Watson is an icon and longtime favourite of the Australian folk scene. As a singer-songwriter he has appeared at almost 200 music festivals as well as innumerable folk clubs and other venues across Australia, NZ and the UK. He has received a stack of prestigious songwriting awards and had his songs covered by performers of the calibre of Eric Bogle, Joe Dolce, Greg Champion. He has produced seven albums of original songs, and appears on over 20 compilation albums alongside artists such as Yothu Yindi and Christine Anu. Eric Bogle says he is "the best songwriter I have seen in a long time." Melbourne folk institution The Boîte calls him "An Australian folk hero!"

Bruce has been a ukulele lover for many years, leading ukulele groups running ukulele workshops at many music festivals. He has written several songs for uke, and adapted many more of his original numbers.

Bruce also runs what he calls 'UKEOKE' sessions, where participants choose songs from a huge playlist, with lyrics and chords projected onto the big screen so everyone can play and sing along. Just like karaoke, except we all do it together at the same time. Lots of fun and silliness to be had by all!

Reviews

In concert

Bruce has a rare talent. The best songwriter I have seen in a long time — Eric Bogle

Bruce is a wordsmith, a teller of tales, a spinner of yarns and stories he tells with passion and integrity. An Australian folk hero! — The Boîte

Absolutely f...ing brilliant! — Derek Guille, ABC Radio Melbourne

Workshops

It was the best Uke workshop ever, and I've been to a few!
— Robyn Mitchell, Maldon Folk Festival, Vic

Inspirational! — Anna, Tablelands Folk Festival, Qld

We were all delighted and amazed, at our instant virtuosity. Please keep workshopping, mentoring, coaching. It's brilliant.

— Chris Ward, Cygnet Folk Festival, Tas

Ukeoke

Bruce's Ukeoke concept is a wonderful exercise in community music making, and is always great fun. His energetic and encouraging leadership is inspiring. — Oliver Hinton, Coordinator, Community Music Vic



Video about Bruce's ukulele workshops:

<https://youtu.be/BTidITYqmGY>

Bruce's web page: www.brucewatsonmusic.com

