

**LAST CHANCE** The Girlfriend Experience

It sold out at the Royal Court, but you've got a few more days to see this humane and surprising play created entirely from conversations recorded in a brothel. With *Titty Titty Bang Bang*'s Debbie Chazen (left) *Young Vic, to Sat, 66 The Cut, SE1, 020 7922 2922, £10-22.50*

# the ukulele



FRET TO GO | KaraUke

**TOP 10 UKE CLUBS**

- KaraUke**  
Monthly karaoke with uke band backing.  
*The Underbelly, 11 Hoxton Sq, N1, karauke.net, £5*
- Ukeylove**  
Regular open mic night.  
*The Snooty Fox, 75 Grosvenor Ave, N5, ukeylove.com, free*
- Sunday Night Uke Box**  
Choose a pop track and the uke band will play it.  
*Amersham Arms, 388 New Cross Rd, SE14, amersham-arms.co.uk, free*
- S.O.U.P. Ukulele Club**  
Enfield uke club meets fortnightly to play everything from Gus Kahn to The Kinks.  
*The Drill Hall, 1 Old Park Ave, EN2, myspace.com/ukulelesoup, free*
- Ukulele Wednesdays**  
Weekly free-for-all.  
*Royal George, Goslett Yard, WC2, myspace.com/ukegottobekidding, free*
- Ukelele Cabaret**  
Monthly open mic.  
*Lincoln Lounge, 52 York Way, myspace.com/ukelelecabaret, free*
- Duke of Uke**  
Uke shop organises salons.  
*22 Hanbury Street, E1, dukeofuke.co.uk, 020 7247 7924*
- Bar Kick Uke Jam**  
First Tuesday of the month.  
*Bar Kick, 127 Shoreditch High St, E1, hautboy@hotmail.com, free*
- London Ukeing**  
Monthly. Beginners and experts play punk to reggae.  
*The Lion, 132 Stoke Newington Church St, N16, myspace.com/londonukeing, free*
- Balham Ukulele Society**  
Fortnightly classes.  
*Balham Bowls, 7 Ramsden Rd, SW12, matthewmunning@googlemail.com, £5/free*

**5 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT THE UKULELE**

- The uke is actually a chordophone and classified as a plucked lute
- It originated in the 1880s as a Hawaiian version of a small Portuguese guitar
- Its name translates as 'jumping flea' - the movement a player's fingers make
- Indie pop fans include Bright Eyes, Kaiser Chiefs, Patrick Wolf and Noah and the Whale
- Shapes include the figure eight, the oval "pineapple" and the boat paddle



TUNED UP | The Orchestra, with Hinchcliffe 2nd left

he couldn't. And Aretha Franklin doesn't travel.  
**What's hot right now?**  
I love these fantastic female singers - Adele, Amy Winehouse, Natasha Khan. They're all so different. What's great is they have a sense of the big history of music. **You're a Blackheath lad. Has it changed?**  
The little shops have gone, and the corporates have moved in, but the spirit's the same. Though you can't move for a sign saying "turn left", or "don't do that", or "you shouldn't be this wide". **So the London high street's dead?**  
Bethnal Green Road's good, and Deptford High Street. Eltham High Street, too. You can park your car, get out and go to the shops. It's like 1965.

**But not many independent record shops...**  
That's very sad. Going online is OK if you know what you want but you need to get down the road, buy your veg and have a browse. In the old days you'd ask for a jazz record and a man with a

**"I'm not sure about popping my clogs on stage - maybe when I'm heroically saving the world at 97"**

black polo-neck and beard and no moustache would come out; or you'd ask for a folk record and a hippy would help you. **Of those left, what's best?**  
I love Ray's Jazz Shop which has moved to Foyles..

**Any more telly plans?**  
I'm talking to the BBC about a show looking at music from different parts of Britain. It would have to be framed sort of like *Alistair Cooke's America*. **Fave London breakfast?**  
Gambardella's Cafe in Blackheath, or if I'm in the East End, Pellicci's [in Bethnal Green Road]. You can always judge a caff by its pies. If it's a shop pie, forget it. **Perfect London night out?**  
I like a quiet boast in the pub with my friends. **Perfect lazy Sunday?**  
I'd probably swim the length of the Thames from Richmond to Tower Bridge, run up to the top of Big Ben to check it's OK, and then back for tea. **Jools Holland's Rhythm and Blues Orchestra, Kenwood House, Sat, 7.30pm NW3, 0844 412 2706, picnicconcerts.com, £28.50-£39**



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