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performance spaces includes sold-out performances at the Sydney Opera House, The Royal Albert Hall and Carnegie Hall.

“Hip to be square? Not quite. But, fun? Absolutely,” according to The Boston Globe. “The conceit of the 30-year-old ensemble (its founding leaders are George Hinchliffe and Kitty Lux) is a mixing of the high and the low. It takes the stage in black tie to play inventive arrangements of frothy pop hits and baby boomer-approved classic rock favorites. The not-so-secret secret is that the band members sure have chops, instrumentally, vocally, and as arrangers.”

If you are expecting hula skirts and leis, you are wrong. If you are expecting playful comedy accompanied by song and string, you are more than right.

Come for the ten ukes, 40 strings, 10 voices and one night at the Wisconsin Union Theater and stay for the laughs. Let the orchestra show you why BBC News, Radio 4, named The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain “The Nation’s Ukulele Orchestra” for the United Kingdom in 2014.

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