



Jake Shimabukuro at the WJCT Soundstage on Friday, October 2, 2020

Jacksonville, Fla. (June 8, 2020) – The Florida Theatre, in partnership with WJCT, is pleased to announce Jake Shimabukuro live at the WJCT Soundstage on Friday, October 2, 2020.

Every major artist has that one defining album or performance, but for ukulele master **Jake Shimabukuro**, his entire career has been filled with such magical achievements. Since he first came to the world's attention with his deeply beautiful and original take on George Harrison's "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" in a viral video that dominated YouTube in 2005, the Hawaiian-born Shimabukuro has virtually reinvented the four-string instrument, causing many to call him "the Jimi Hendrix of the ukulele."

As soon as music fans got a listen to Shimabukuro's virtuosic approach to the ukulele, they were hooked. Albums such as *Gently Weeps*, *Peace Love Ukulele* and *Grand Ukulele* topped the *Billboard* World Music Charts, and as a live performer he became one of the hottest tickets around, headlining the Hollywood Bowl, Lincoln Center and the Sydney Opera House (he even performed for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II) while making frequent appearances on media outlets like *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* and *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*.

"The reason to see Jake Shimabukuro is that he transcends his instrument. Like other great artists who play off center instruments (think Bela Fleck and the banjo or Yo Yo Ma and the cello) his version of being a ukulele player is expansive," said Florida Theatre President Numa Saisselin. "Trust me when I say this. His show is like a rock concert starring a ukulele player and you should not miss it."

"We are pleased to welcome the award-winning, ukulele genius, Jake Shimabukuro, to the WJCT Soundstage," said David McGowan, President and CEO of WJCT. "The unique and intimate setting allows every patron to experience an amazing live performance up close, and we're looking forward to a great evening."

The historic, nonprofit Florida Theatre is sponsored by Community First Credit Union. For a complete list of upcoming events or to buy tickets visit the Theatre's official website, floridatheatre.com.

EVENT: Jake Shimabukuro
DATE: Friday, October 2, 2020
LOCATION: WJCT Soundstage, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202
TIME: 8:00 p.m.
TICKET PRICE: \$59.50 - \$69.50
MEMBER PRESALE: Monday, June 8, 2020 at 10 a.m.
E-CLUB PRESALE: Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 9 a.m.
PUBLIC ON SALE: Friday, June 12, 2020 at 10 a.m.
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