

Primary School Programmes 2023/24

Ceili Ukulele

Whole Class Performance Music Education (4th – 5th Class)

Céilí Ukulele is an exciting music programme which provides whole class ukulele tuition for 4th – 5th classes allowing students to experience the fun of learning and performing music together. The focus of this programme is to impart a knowledge of musical principles, while instilling a joy and passion for performing music individually and with peers. It is designed to enhance and add value to the existing curriculum provision at your school.

Céilí Ukulele is a 28-week programme, with weekly lessons of approximately 60 minutes duration per class. Over the course of a full academic year, students will aim to learn 15+ songs & 20+ melodies on the ukulele, as well as honing their performance skills through regular group practice and performance. Each week, a specialist musician-educator will visit each classroom, to provide whole-class tuition designed to engage and excite students about playing the ukulele and singing accompanying songs.

Weekly lessons over the course of the year will focus on learning:

- Melodies/Riffs
- Strumming patterns
- Rhythmical phrasing
- Chords and chordal progression
- Fundamentals of music theory
- Body percussion
- Singing – this is a natural accompaniment to playing the ukulele and learning songs
- Musical games, challenges
- Performing as part of a band/ensemble

Each child participating will need access to a ukulele, which can be taken home and utilised for practice. Many children already have ukuleles, however for those that do not, Music Generation Mayo can provide a good quality entry level ukulele model to schools at a subsidised cost of €20 each. It is also recommended that each participating classroom have access to 1-2 ukulele tuners, these can be provided at a cost of €5 each. Instrument/Accessory orders must be placed at the time of application and paid for by the end of June.

Ceol na nÓg – Early Years Programme

Whole Class – (Junior Infants – 2nd Class)

The aim of this programme is to enhance and complement the children's music education currently provided by teachers in schools for classes Junior Infants to second class. Music Generation Mayo provides a Musician Educator (ME), trained in music performance and education, to implement a music programme that is creative, engaging and inclusive in partnership with classroom based teachers and SNAs. The programme has been planned for 26 weeks, though some schools may take a shorter programme. The children will use resources and instruments provided by the ME and if schools have their own instruments, these can also be utilised also.

A typical 45-minute class may include the following, though activities will vary between classes depending on the age of children and previous classroom based musical experiences:

- Keeping Beat
- Rhythm
- Tempo
- Timbre
- Singing
- Confidence Building
- Instrument Exploration
- Sound Exploration
- Listening Skills
- Dynamics
- Activity Songs/Tune Learning



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Workshops

Single or short-term music workshops on a variety of topics and styles facilitated by professional musicians in classroom environments, after school groups or specially created events.

Music Generation Mayo can provide a variety of single event or short-term projects tailored to meet your needs across a broad spectrum of musical styles and topics to any age group of children and young people. Examples include: Songwriting, African Drumming, Exploring Sounds for young children, Special Needs music workshops, Jazz & Blues, Irish Traditional Music. Our talented team can bring you whatever you need!

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