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**Jake Shimabukuro returns to Tacoma!
Ukulele virtuoso to perform Saturday, Feb. 2
At the historic Pantages Theater**

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TACOMA, WASH.— Tacoma Arts Live presents virtuoso and iconic ukulele rock star Jake Shimabukuro at Pantages Theater on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Shimabukuro has singularly altered expectations for his instrument.

From his early days in Hawaii to a viral sensation playing George Harrison's "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" on YouTube, his album has reached #1 in Billboard's Top World Music Albums. From collaborations with Alan Parsons to Jimmy Kimmel Live! and a PBS documentary about his life, Shimabukuro's career makes a significant statement: the ukulele, with its humble four strings and modest two-octave range, is limited only by the imagination and creativity of the person playing it. In Shimabukuro's hands, it is easy to believe the ukulele is capable of anything.

About Jake Shimabukuro:

Jake Shimabukuro has elevated the ukulele from a beloved Hawaiian folk instrument to a world-class vehicle, fearlessly traversing boundaries and putting his inspired touch on everything from island standards, to popular tunes and, most recently, classical symphonic concertos.

No wonder Rolling Stone called him "one of the hottest axemen of the past few years [who] doesn't actually play guitar."

Even Pearl Jam frontman Eddie Vedder has voiced his admiration saying, "Jake is taking the instrument to a place that I can't see anybody else catching up with."

Viewed by his peers as a musician's musician, Jake's discography includes collaborations with a wide range of artists, from Yo-Yo Ma, Jimmy Buffett, Jack Johnson and Cyndi Lauper to Ziggy Marley, Dave Koz, Lyle Lovett and Bette Midler – with whom he performed for the Queen of England in 2009.

In recent years, Jake's sizzling live performances have made him a hot commodity on national TV, guesting on Jimmy Kimmel Live, Late Night with Conan O'Brien, Good Morning America and the Today show. He's wowed audiences at SXSW, Bonnaroo, the Playboy Jazz Festival and the cutting-edge TED conference.

Jake was the subject of an acclaimed 2012 documentary, *Jake Shimabukuro: Life on Four Strings*, and, in 2015, made history with the Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra when he performed the world premiere of Byron Yasui's Concerto for 'Ukulele & Orchestra, Campanella.

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To purchase advance tickets, call the Broadway Center Box Office at 253.591.5894, toll-free 1.800.291.7593, visit in person at 901 Broadway in Tacoma's Theater District or online at www.TacomaArtsLive.org.

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