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Jeff Solomon



Meet Jeff Solomon, singer-songwriter-sketch comic:

"Jeff performs his songs on the piano and this 4-stringed acoustic/electric baritone ukulele. Jeff's ukulele uses an unconventional tuning similar to the alternate "G" tuning for the tenor ukulele: the strings are tuned D-G-B-E like the bottom strings of the guitar, except the D is raised an octave. Why the strange tuning? When Jeff got the uke as a gift, it came tuned that way. He taught himself to play it like that, unaware that it was strange, and with no ukulele experts at hand to alert him to the abnormality. So that's how it'll

always be, tuned strange."

Jeff is a co-founder of the award-winning comedy group [Elephant Larry](#) and reportedly can play the uke and sax simultaneously. [Link](#)

posted by Gary on 8:46 AM

Tuesday, August 02, 2005

PSP game has virtual ukulele

I haven't tried this (I don't have a PSP -- PlayStaion Portable), but Namco has released a title called Portable Resort, and it has a kind of virtual ukulele in it. Watch the [video](#) for more.

The concept of Portable Resort, an "entertainment tool" for PSP, involves the player freely spending time on a beautiful tropical island. You'll be able to go anywhere on the island, with the in-game world experiencing progression through time and a full day/night cycle. The in-game world is synched up with the current time, so when it's dark out in the real world, the game world will reflect that. Perform all kinds of little fun tasks as you stroll around -- ick up a ukulele from the beach,

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