

Curriculum Musicum Vitae
(The Boring Details)
Dan “Cool Hand Uke” Scanlan

- 1961** Learned guitar and ukulele after childhood brushes with violin and plastic uke.
- 1963** Performed with The What the Hell Four folk group on KXLU, Los Angeles.
- 1966** Wrote first songs for guitar and ukulele.
- 1967-73** Ad-hock folk groups Los Angeles and north San Diego Counties.
- 1973** Purchased Maybelle banjo-uke from John Doperya, inventor of Dobro
- 1973-74** Busking and hitchhiking, coast to coast, Canada to Mexico
- 1974-?** Solo as Dan Scanlan, Rodd Gnawkin (the singing mechanic)
- 1974-77** Duo, with Pat Sauer, as Flathead: hitchhiking wandering minstrels, CA, NM, TX, LA
- 1976** Freedom Train arrival concert, Sacramento CA (Flathead).
- 1978-79** Eldorado County Fair, Placerville CA, solo, opened for Lacy J. Dalton
- 1978-80** Aero Club, Sacramento CA. Desiderata School benefit.
- 1980** Recorded *Rodd Gnawkin's Five Dollar Tune-up*, cassette album
- 1982-'05** Radio broadcaster, KVMR-FM, Nevada City CA; *Rodd Gnawkin Stardust Show*; *Hillbilly Jukebox*; *Rude Awakening Morning Show*; *Tuesday Live*, live open mic; *End of the Trail Saloon* live music and comedy (three out of five years finalist for NFCB best live local variety program)
- 1984** Created 10-member Songwriters of the Sierra, performed El Dorado CA County Fair
- 1984-8** SYRCL benefits, Nevada Theatre. Wrote *Playing at the Yuba, Home Town Meltdown*
- 1985-8** North Columbia Folk Festival, CA
- 1987** Wandering minstrel tour, Ireland
- 1987-88** Formed ukulele duo Self-Righteous Brothers; played Palms Playhouse, El Dorado County Fair, SYRCL and Rosalee Sorrels benefits; double billed with Pointless Sisters
- 1988** Received 1930's Dobro-ukulele from Luke Wilson
- 1988** Recorded *Cool Hand Uke Live*, solo cassette album, at Cowboy Pizza, Nevada City CA
- 1988** Performed solo at International Ukulele Festival, Honolulu HI
- 1989-91** Formed Top Quark with uke, piano, bass and saw
- 1991** Sacramento Blues festival with Rolf Jones-Moore (opened for Little Milton and Ray Charles)
- 1991** Endangered Species, duo, with Lude Hinrichs, trombone and piano
- 1991** Recorded and interviewed Flora Fox, granddaughter of ukulele inventor Manuel Nunes, on her 104th birthday in Santa Rosa CA
- 1994-'01** Bandleader, Chico CA, Vokuleles Ukulele Band (led band for last seven of its 37 years)
- 1995-6** Hayward Ukulele festival performer
- 1996** Ukulele Hall of Fame Museum Expo, Rhode Island, performance, workshops

- 1997** Howling for the Headwaters benefit, Nevada Theater, Nevada City CA. With Utah Phillips, Roger Hodgson and others.
- 1997** Southern California Ukulele Festival performer, workshop presenter, Cerritos CA
- 1998** Returned ukulele to its ancestral home, Madeira Island, Portugal: "Father and Son Reunion: Braguinha Meets the Ukulele" culminating with concert at World's Fair, Lisbonl. Performer, teacher and American coordinator. Produced CD of concert.
- 1999** Sang *Giant Silent Redwood* to Julia Butterfly 100 feet high in her redwood tree
- 1999** Juke, with jew's harpist Chris Towne, fairs, benefits, private parties
- 1999** Performed at Jim Beloff's Uketopia Show, McCabe's Music, Santa Monica CA
- 1999** Recorded *At the Knee of the Stone Mother*, live in VW bus, at Pyramid Lake NV
- 2000** Produced, contributed to *Sing We Sing* compilation CD for Nader for President
- 2001-5** Jukoklin, with Chris Towne and Sunday Oliver, fiddle
- 2001** Performed one mile deep in 16-to-1 Gold Mine, Alleghany CA
- 2001** Recorded *Bin There* CD as Chad Dimple and the Smirks
- 2001** *Playing at the Yuba* featured in film *Stories of the Yuba* by Greg Schiffner
- 2001-?** Formed Strum Bums ukulele class and band; weekly performances
- 2003-4** Colusa County Fair, Gold Country Fair (Jukolin)
- 2003-7** Nevada County Fair, Grass Valley CA (Strum Bums)
- 2003** Recorded *Cool Hand Uke Live at Fat Cat Pie Company*, Norwalk CT (solo)
- 2003** Performer/teacher Ukulele Hall of Fame Museum; recorded *Giant Silent Redwood* for English as second language textbook
- 2004** Recorded *American Rant* CD
- 2004** Santa Cruz Ukulele Festival (with Jukolin and Strum Bums), workshop presenter
- 2004-6** Spiritfest, Grass Valley CA, with Jukolin
- 2005** Southern California Ukulele Festival, solo performance, workshop
- 2005** Liverpool, Nova Scotia Ukulele Ceilidh, performance, workshop
- 2005-6** Colusa County Fair (Jukolin)
- 2005-7** Lead vocal and ukulele, *Cool Hand Uke and the Enablers*
- 2006** New York Ukulele Festival (solo), performance, emcee, workshops
- 2007** Purchased custom Glyph ukulele from David Means
- 2007** Ukulele Extravaganza, Nevada Theatre, Nevada City CA
- 2007** New York Ukulele Festival with Strum Bums (standing ovation!), workshops
- 2007** Mid Atlantic Ukulele Invitational (solo and with pick-up band), workshops
- 2007** Santa Cruz, CA Ukulele Club solo concert, workshop
- 2007** *iUke in the Fall* CD ten-city tour from Grass Valley to Nova Scotia and return
- 2007** Hospitality House benefit performance and CD, Nevada City CA
- 2008** Placer County Fair, Nevada County Fair
- 2008** 38th Annual International Ukulele Festival, Honolulu HI with Strum Bums, James Hill
- 2008** Dunlaoire, Ireland, workshop, creation of Ukuhoolies
- 2008** San Francisco, Cindy Sheehan for Congress Campaign, ukulele performer/activist
- 2009** Grand Lake Theatre, Oakland CA, with Cindy Sheehan, Dan Ellsberg, Joe MacDonald

- 2009** Featured in *The Mighty Uke* movie feature and in the short *Strum Bums of Grass Valley*
- 2009** Tahoe Area Ukulele Festival, Minden NV, workshop, emcee, performance
- 2009** Oregon, Washington, Sing Out for Single Payer Tour (10 cities, 10 days)
- 2009** Nevada County Fair, Placer County Fair
- 2009** Nova Scotia Ukulele Ceilidh, two month tour, California to NS and back
- 2009-12** Benefit performances for Utah's Place Hospitality House, solo and with Strum Bums
- 2010-13** County Fairs: Nevada County, Placer County, numerous small venues
- 2010-13** Ukulele workshop presenter, San Francisco Free Folk Festival
- 2011** MC and performer, Nova Scotia Ukulele Ceilidh and two month road tour
- 2012-13** Performer/presenter/organizer Auburn Gold Pan Ukulele Festival
- 2012** Recorded vocal and ukulele tracks for "Beatles Complete on Ukulele" project (*Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds*.)
- 2013** Wine Country Ukulele Festival, performer, workshop presenter
- 2013** Published iBook on ukulele history and interactive ukulele instruction iBook
- 2013** Developed *Play Uke Now!* online 72-lecture course at [udemy.com](https://www.udemy.com) (Currently 480 students)
- 2013** Wrote, recorded and issued 'Shroom With A View CD
- 2013** Published sheet music to *10,000 Ukuleles*
- 2013** Nova Scotia Ukulele Ceilidh, performer, presenter and MC, two month road tour with performances and workshops in 13 cities. Opened ceilidh with *10,000 Ukuleles* singalong
- 2013** Performed between 50 to 75 concerts with Strum Bums in retirement, convalescent and assisted living homes and schools.

Dan Scanlan is also known as Cool Hand Uke.

Any songs mentioned in this CV are originals

by Dan Scanlan except *Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds*.

CDs and cassettes mentioned are performed and produced by Dan Scanlan except the Father and Son Reunion CD, which is a group effort.

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