Hawaii Ukulele Virtuoso 'Taimane' to play rare UK performance

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Duke of Uke, London's World Famous Ukulele Store and Grand Northern Ukulele Festival have teamed up to bring Hawaii Ukulele Virtuoso Taimane to UK audiences. The show will be part of a sell-out tour to support her new Elemental album release.

As a one-night-only performance, this is a rare opportunity to experience Hawaii's ukulele virtuoso, songwriter and rising star, Taimane, as she brings her full palette of artistic colour to Bush Hall, London.

Taimane was prominently featured in Episode One of Martin Clunes' 2019 ITV documentary series, 'Islands of America', and press described Martin as being "gobsmacked" by Taimane's performance. Among her many fans, Pierce Brosnan concurs: "Taimane rocks the stage with a sensual vibrancy and a white hot talent that captivates and beguiles!"

Born and raised in Hawaii of Hapa Samoan descent, Taimane is renowned for her jaw dropping pyrotechnics on the four-string island staple. Discovered by legendary musician Don Ho at age 13 and mentored by ukulele artist Jake Shimabukuro, she quickly became a Youtube sensation with over 10 million video views.

2017 and 2018 were breakout years for Taimane, and she's on track to experience her greatest rise yet. Taimane kicked off this year presenting concerts in New York at the largest performing arts gathering in the world and gained major praise and buzz. She is currently modelling for All Saints fashion brand in their new "Hawaii New Waves" campaign.

In March, Taimane and her band performed at the SXSW Music Festival in Austin, TX playing to roaring crowds and receiving rave reviews from a wide range of industry players and media including NPR's Bob Boilen.

Taimane is poised to share her music and vision of Hawaii with the world. Experience her beauty, grace and passion and see why Taimane is quickly becoming a global cultural beacon.

Taimane plays Bush Hall on Thursday 6th June, with her Trio featuring Jonathan Heraux (percussion) and Ramiro Marziani (classical guitar). Advance tickets available at seetickets.com

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"Every so often we discover an artist as he or she is about to emerge into a much bigger arena. These experiences have included Chris Botti, Trombone Shorty, Kamasi Washington and Lake Street Dive. Now, we have a new discovery - Taimane. She's destined for a big, bright future, and I encourage you to catch her show as soon as you can." - Bruce Labadie, Artistic and Festival Director of San Jose Jazz

"I didn't see anyone at the [2019 SXSW] festival doing anything close to what she [Taimane] does on stage. She shreds on ukulele and rocks everything from Beethoven to Led Zeppelin. Somehow she manages to not only rock out but connect the audience with meaningful Hawaiian traditions and dances." - Austin360 (part of the Austin American-Statesman, Austin's daily newspaper)

"Absolutely fantastic show!" - Jerry VanLeeuwen, Executive Director, California Center for the Arts Escondido

"It was an incredible performance!" - Todd Stein, President & CEO, Mid-America Arts Alliance

"What an amazing artist!" - Kristine Bretall, Director of Performing Arts, Sun Valley Center

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