Ukelele





Portuguese immigrants originally brought the Ukulele to Hawaii. There it received its name which means "hopping flea". Probably the Hawaiian people got this impression while seeing the fingers moving fast over the strings.

The Ukulele is a small Guitar-like plucked instrument that is usually covered with 4-8 strings. Its normal size is 60cm long and 20cm wide, and is thus considered by most people as a toy Guitar for children. From Hawaii the Ukulele spread to North America and returned from there to the "Old World". In the German countries it became famous recently in the