

Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



Roman Rezac

Inducted in 1996

With the winnings of some money from the country fair, Roman bought a two-row button accordion and a fiddle for his brother, Ed. Coming from a family of 11, Roman never had music lesson and he learned from an instruction book.

At the age of 14, his father bought him a concertina and Roman started playing with his uncle's seven-member band.

Four years later, Roman and his brother, Ed, started their own band and performed for over 34 years. The band traveled all over Minnesota as well as surrounding states, Nebraska and Texas.

In addition playing dance jobs, the Roman Rezac Band had radio shows on KYSM, Mankato and KDHL in Faribault for many years and appeared on the Mankato TV station for seven years. The band recorded five albums.

After his band dissolved, he played with the Ivan's Jolly Dutchmen for 12 years. Since retiring, Roman says simply, "I enjoyed playing music."

