



Leon Olsen
Inducted in 2013

Leon Olsen was born in Tyler, Minnesota. In the fifth grade, he started playing the trumpet but was also very interested in the concertina. His first paying job was at the Checkerboard Café in Lake Benton at the age of 11.

Leon started playing bass and rhythm guitar in

addition to the concertina. After high school graduation, he began teaching students and building concertinas at Brown's Music Store in New Ulm. The Leon Olsen Show has received many awards from Ballroom Operators Association, World Concertina Congress and others. The Band has 19 recordings and continues to play throughout the United States.

