

Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



Ron Colby

Inducted in 2005

Ron grew up in northern Minnesota and spent much of his time in Fargo while his father's band would be play at the Fargo ballroom.

Rom moved to San Francisco in the 1960s and was influenced by folk music and purchased his first banjo.

After a 3-year stint in the Army, Ron moved to Minneapolis and formed a bluegrass band and founded or co-founded six other bluegrass bands. In 1973 and 1974, Ron hosted a three-day Bluegrass Festival on a 40-acre farm in Eagan.

With the popularity of bluegrass music, Ron and Bob Loy decided to start a bluegrass publication with membership in a club or association. Eventually, the Minnesota Bluegrass & Old Time Music Association mailing list was born. Rob continued to write a monthly column for the magazine for many years.

