

# Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



## Jerry Minar

### Inducted in 2012

Jerry Minar started taking accordion lessons at the age of seven and by the age of 15, he was teaching the accordion at four separate locations.

In 1965, Jerry started playing professionally with “The Village Concertina Band.”

Five years later, Jerry joined the “Ivan Kahle Band” and was a regular with the band for 32 years. During that time, six albums were recorded with Jerry playing concertina, piano and button box accordion.



In 1978, Jerry started a Sunday afternoon show on KTMF, featuring students and concertina bands on multi-track recordings which lead to his JBM Sound Productions where over 400 albums have been recorded.

For the last 15 years, he has been the official Hengel concertina builder and to date more than 100 New Prague Hengel Concertinas have been produced by Jerry and his associates.