

Ron Keezer

Ronald Keezer was born in Eau Claire, WI (June 4, 1940) and grew up in Chippewa Falls, WI. After studies at Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota; Berklee College of Music, Boston Mass. and the Boston Conservatory he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. After extensive study in composition at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, Mr. Keezer completed his Master of Science in Teaching degree on a graduate assistantship at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire.

In 1965 Ron and Mary A. Graham (A graduate of UWEC with a Masters degree in Music and a Professional Horn player) were married and from the blessed union came Geoffrey Keezer who is now a world class jazz pianist and composer.

Ron Keezer is an Associate Professor of Music (Emeritus) from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. He taught percussion, and directed the Percussion Ensemble, Marimba Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble II at UWEC for 32 years. (1969-2001) Mr. Keezer is a composer with publications through Kendor Publishing and Really Good Music, LLC. and has a Drum Set Video through the University of Wisconsin Press. He is a conductor, adjudicator, clinician for Ludwig Drum Co. and Sabian Cymbals, Ltd. and an author of a wide variety of articles for various music periodicals.

Ron Keezer was a faculty member of the Shell Lake Arts Center from 1973-2007. This was one of the most enjoyable and rewarding parts of his career. Shell Lake became his summer home for the 35 years of his tenure at the Arts Center. The people of Shell Lake and his Arts Center colleagues are a part of his extended family.

A clinician/artist for the Ludwig Drum Company since 1972. Mr. Keezer took a sabbatical in Japan to study Japanese drumming (Taiko) in 1996.

In 1997 Ron Keezer formed Really Good Music, LLC. (www.reallygoodmusic.com). This is a music publishing house that features composers of renown as well as younger composers who have shown great talent. The business has grown to include over 250 composers and hundreds of titles.