

## **Jerry Helt**

Jerry Helt was introduced to Square Dancing through "4-H" in Minford, OH. Learned to call in 1943. Jerry attended the University of Cincinnati, Engineering School and supplemented his college years by calling Square Dances. Started traveling in 1952 and became a full-time caller in 1953. He taught classes, called for "Home Clubs" and traveled to all 50 States followed by taking groups of dancers to Europe and calling in many European Cities. Also called in Saudi Arabia, Australia and New Zealand. He enjoys teaching people from Kindergarten to Retirees. As a professional caller and instructor, he conducts caller's clinics, workshops and serves on the teaching faculty of numerous universities, institutes and camps throughout the United States. He has conducted full programs of classes and clubs in Cincinnati, OH and surrounding areas which includes squares, rounds, quadrilles, contras and line dancing. Jerry has had the pleasure of serving the following Universities for Dance Institutes:

- University of California-Berkley
- Cortland, New York
- Brigham Young University-Utah
- San Diego State-California
- San Francisco State-California
- Stanford-California
- Wayne State-Michigan
- University of the Pacific-California-Folk Dance Camp 56 years

Numerous dance weeks, festivals and week-ends

Recording artist on Blue Star, MacGregor, Scope, Sets in Order, Hollywood, Kentucky and Gateway Records. His numerous albums and singles are heard around the world. Performed and recorded with the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra on Telarc Label. Choreographed square dance scenes for the Cincinnati Opera, "Elixir of Love"

Creator of "Sweep a Quarter". Among his round dance compositions is "Jiffy Mixer"

Served as a member of the Blue Ribbon Committee for the American Square Dance Society

Inducted into the American Square Dance Society Hall of Fame in 1979

Received the Milestone Award in 1992

Served on the founding Board of Governors for CALLERLAB

Jerry lives in Cincinnati, OH with his wife and dance partner, Kathy