

## **BIO – JOEL GOLDBERG**

**Born at a very young age, Joel grew up near Chicago (Go Cubs, Go!) before moving to Rochester, NY for his middle- and high-school years. For his undergraduate degree (1978), he majored in Chemistry and Religion at Oberlin College and then earned his Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry at the University of Michigan in 1982. He then joined the Chemistry faculty at the University of Vermont, retiring this past May after a 39-year career.**

**Although he was born seven and a half years before the Beatles first appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show, their performance on that cold February evening motivated him to learn how to play the guitar (badly!) leading to a lifelong obsession with their music and history. A certifiable Beatles fanatic, he has dozens and dozens of books (many of which he has actually read) analyzing their music, documenting their lives and musical influences before, during, and following their legendary career. In addition to owning the official releases of their music on vinyl, CD, DVD, BluRay and just about any other media you can think of, he continues to add to his collection of bootleg outtakes, alternate versions, mashups, remixes, and instrumental/vocal isolation versions of their recordings from the late 1950s to their solo work following their breakup as a band in 1970.**

**Just how much of a Beatles fanatic is he? Well, after 39 years at UVM, he opted to take (for credit) a music theory course on the Beatles' music (MU 201: Music of the Beatles) during his last semester before he retired (he earned an "A"). And, besides being able to butcher most Beatles songs on the guitar, he has an uncanny (some would say annoying) ability to comment on just about any subject with a Beatles anecdote or factoid (many of which are actually true!).**

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