



## Ron Howden

**Drums - Percussion - Vocals**

Born in Sheffield England and now living in the USA, Ron worked with many bands from his home town before leaving England in 1964 with the band the Rockin Berries. They played army bases in France and this eventually led to meeting up with Derek (Mo) Moore and forming the band the Upsetters playing the US army bases in Germany.

He then went to Greece where they did a cover version of the hit Sunny and did several TV and club shows before returning to Germany where they supported many acts including the Everly Brothers / The Platters and Bill Lawrence amongst many of the American bands touring in Europe at the time. About that time Ron met Allen (taff) Freeman and formed the band Prophecy which was the predecessor to Nektar.

They started playing many of the clubs in Germany for two week periods mostly near the army bases. It was shortly after this at the Star Club in Hamburg that Ron bumped into Roye Albrighton who was playing with his band Rainbows at the Top Ten Club around the corner.

After the departure of Prophecy's guitarist Colin, Roye was asked to come over to Germany to join them, and so after a quick change of name, Nektar was born.

As a musician Ron Howden is unique, as a drummer he is unmistakable. To watch him perform on his instrument is like watching a finely tuned well balanced timepiece. Nektars music would not be what it is today without his expert touch.

Ron Howden plays and records using "Cadeson" drums

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