

"The first polka band to perform at a Woodstock Festival!"

FRITZ'S POLKA BAND

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**FRITZ'S POLKA BAND RETURNS TO THE LARGEST FREE FESTIVAL
IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SEVENTH YEAR IN A ROW!**

Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY, returns to Musikfest in Bethlehem, PA on Sunday, August 8th. FPB will perform on the Festplatz Stage from noon to 2:30pm. Musikfest is the largest free festival in the United States, as in 2019 over 1,000,000 people attended this event.

"The guys in Fritz's Polka Band are eager to return to Musikfest for the seventh year in a row," said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. "Last year was virtual, so it was quite a change from prior years when the crowds had been really big! That said, it was still fun! A neat thing about this festival is that there are so many different musical genres and the audience welcomes it. It's so thrilling to get booked to play at the largest free festival in the United States! I'm glad the promoters like my band's eclectic musical style and I want to thank them once again for having my band return."

October 14, 2018 marked the 40th anniversary of Fritz's Polka Band! FPB made history in 1999 by becoming the first polka band to play at a Woodstock Festival. FPB appears on *"The Manchurian Candidate"* DVD, released in 2004. In 2011, FPB had two songs ('Grandparent's Polka' and 'Here Is Fritz's Polka Band') included in two episodes of the TV show, 'Breaking Bad'. In November 2018, FPB released their 19th recording, *"Hey!"* which featured Rocko Dorsey, Ron Keck, and Todd Kerns (*from Slash featuring Myles Kennedy & The Conspirators, TOQUE, Age of Electric and more!*) as special guests! In winter of 2019, FPB's recording *"Hey!"* was nominated for a Syracuse Area Music Award: Best Recording Other Styles. In autumn 2019, FPB was nominated for Band of the Year as well as New, Original Polka Song by the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame. Additionally, Fritz Scherz was nominated for Musician of the Year and Button-Box: Artist or Duo awards.

For more information on Fritz's Polka Band's performance at Musikfest, including directions to the venue, go to:

<https://www.musikfest.org/event/10844/fritzs-polka-band>. For more details on FPB, view the band's website:

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