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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## FRITZ'S POLKA BAND TO PERFORM AT WINTERFEST!

Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY, will perform on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> for the Lafayette Optimist Club Winterfest in Lafayette, NY from noon to 3pm. Joining FPB for this rare outdoor winter gig will be special guest (and Grammy winner!), Al Piatkowski. COVID-19 precautions will be in effect at this family friendly event.

"My band hasn't performed in a few months, so we're eager to hit the stage for this Winterfest" said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. "In the over 42 years we've been performing, we've only done a few gigs that were outdoors during the winter. Those attending are in for a real treat as we're delighted that Grammy winner, Al Piatkowski will be playing this gig with us!"

October 14, 2018 marked the 40<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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, view the band's website: <u>www.fritzspolkaband.com</u>, Facebook page at: <u>www.facebook.com/fritzspolkaband</u>, their Twitter feed at: <u>www.twitter.com/fritzspolkaband</u>, and/or their Instagram at: <u>www.instagram.com/fritzspolkaband</u>.

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