

“The only polka band to perform at a Woodstock Festival!”

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FRITZ'S POLKA BAND TO PERFORM AT FEBTOBERFEST!!!

Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY will return to Copper City Brewing Company (1111 Oneida St.) in Rome, NY on February 24th for the 6th Annual Febtoberfest! The event starts at noon with FPB performing from 7pm to 9pm.

"Typically, my band doesn't play many gigs in the winter, although this month has been an anomaly" said Fritz Scherz, bandleader of Fritz's Polka Band. "We're really looking forward to playing again at Copper City Brewing Company! This will be the sixth time we've played at Copper City Brewing Company's Febtoberfest event, which is modeled after Oktoberfest!"

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. 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. On March 4, 2022, FPB won a Syracuse Area Music Award (SAMMY) for their recording, *"The Hands Of Time,"* which was released October 1, 2021. *"The Hands Of Time"* features special guests: Joe Bonamassa (Joe Bonamassa, Black Country Communion & Rock Candy Funk Party), Deen Castronovo (Bad English, Ozzy Osbourne, Journey, The Dead Daisies, Generation Radio), Rocko Dorsey, Ron Keck, Joey Miskulin (Frank Yankovic, Riders In The Sky), Freddy Scherz, the late Fred Scherz Sr., and Derek Sherinian (Alice Cooper, Dream Theatre, Black Country Communion, Joe Bonamassa & Sons Of Apollo). On November 25, 2023, Fritz was inducted into the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame as he received the Trustees Honor Roll Award.

For more details on Fritz's Polka Band, view their website at: www.fritzspolkaband.com, Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/fritzspolkaband, their X (formerly Twitter) feed at: www.twitter.com/fritzspolkaband, and/or their Instagram at: www.instagram.com/fritzspolkaband. For more details on Copper City Brewing Company Febtoberfest, call (315) 281-8987.

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