

*"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 TO PERFORM TWO CNY-AREA WINTER SHOWS!!!**

Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY will return to Copper City Brewing Company (1111 Oneida St.) in Rome, NY on February 29<sup>th</sup> for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Febtoberfest! The event starts at 11am with FPB performing from 7pm to 9pm. Then, on March 1<sup>st</sup>, FPB will perform at Nothin' Fancy Country Rock Saloon (10 Ruth St.) in Vernon, NY from 3pm to 6pm.

"My band doesn't usually play too much in the winter," said Fritz Scherz, bandleader of Fritz's Polka Band. "So we're really looking forward to playing at these two very different venues! This will be the third time we've played at Copper City Brewing Company's Febtoberfest event, which is modeled after Oktoberfest. Meanwhile, the next day we get to play at a venue that has a great dance floor, so that'll give folks an excellent opportunity to dance. Rick Szczyt, who drummed in FPB for 24 years will be flying in from Ohio to perform this weekend with us! Rick is a fabulous talent too, as he has been nominated before for multiple national awards!"

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: [www.fritzspolkaband.com](http://www.fritzspolkaband.com), Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/fritzspolkaband](https://www.facebook.com/fritzspolkaband), their Twitter feed at: [www.twitter.com/fritzspolkaband](https://www.twitter.com/fritzspolkaband), and/or their Instagram at: [www.instagram.com/fritzspolkaband](https://www.instagram.com/fritzspolkaband). For details on Copper City Brewing Company Febtoberfest, call (315) 281-8987. For details on Nothin' Fancy Country Rock Saloon, call: (315) 829-4503.

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