

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FRITZ'S POLKA BAND NOMINATED FOR SAMMY AWARD!

Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, New York has been nominated for a Syracuse-Area Music Award (SAMMY). FPB's 2021 recording, *"The Hands Of Time"*, which features 11 original FPB songs and one cover song, was nominated in the "Best Other Styles" category. *"The Hands Of Time"* also features these 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 and Derek Sherinian (Alice Cooper, Dream Theatre, Black Country Communion, Joe Bonamassa & Sons Of Apollo). The SAMMY Awards will take place Friday, March 4th at the OnCenter Crouse Hinds Theater in Syracuse, NY starting at 7pm.

"The guys in my band are honored to be nominated again," said Fritz Scherz, bandleader of FPB. "Big thanks to the nominating committee, our families, fans, disc jockeys, music critics, the media for supporting us over the years, and of course the special guests who took part in our recording! Last, but certainly not least, we want to thank Ron Keck at SubCat Music Studios for taking on this recording project."

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.

For more information on the SAMMY Awards, go to: www.syracuseareamusic.com. For more details on Fritz's Polka Band, view their website at: www.fritzspolkaband.com, Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/fritzspolkaband, their Twitter feed at: www.twitter.com/fritzspolkaband, and/or their Instagram at: www.instagram.com/fritzspolkaband.

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