

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FRITZ'S POLKA BAND WINS SECOND SAMMY AWARD!

Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, New York (now in their 43rd year of performing!) won their second Syracuse-Area Music Award (SAMMY) as FPB's 2021 recording, *"The Hands Of Time"* won in the "Best Recording: Other Styles" category at the SAMMY Awards held March 4th in Syracuse, NY. *"The Hands Of Time"* also 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 and Derek Sherinian (Alice Cooper, Dream Theatre, Black Country Communion, Joe Bonamassa & Sons Of Apollo).

"I got a bit choked up when I went to give my acceptance speech last night," said Fritz Scherz, FPB bandleader. "This recording was very personal as it featured the tune, 'The Hands Of Time' that my Dad started to write before he passed away and gave to me to finish. That tune also features my friends, Joe Bonamassa and Deen Castronovo, so when it started playing as Gabe, Frank and I were headed to the stage to accept the award, it really hit me emotionally. The fact that my son, Freddy, is on this album makes it all that much more special, too! Thanks is not big enough of a word to convey how much this award means to me as well as the guys in my band. We are truly grateful to the nominating committee, award judges, 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."

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 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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