

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

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**FRITZ'S POLKA BAND TO PERFORM AT ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION!**

Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY, will perform on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> for the Frog Alley Brewing Company (108 State Street) "St. Patrick's Day Celebration" in Schenectady, NY from 3pm to 6pm. Joining FPB for this gig will be special guest, Justin Smithson (guitarist/vocalist for Showtime & Poor Tim). COVID-19 precautions will be in effect at this event.

"My band hasn't performed for a St. Patrick's Day-themed event in a few years, so we're eager to do so at Frog Alley Brewing Company," said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. "We've played twice at this venue for Oktoberfest and both times were a lot of fun, so we look forward to how they host their St. Patrick's Day Celebration! Folks attending are in for a cool treat as we're delighted that Justin Smithson 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: [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 information on Frog Alley Brewing Company, view their website at: [www.frogalleybrewing.com](http://www.frogalleybrewing.com), Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/frogalleybrewing](https://www.facebook.com/frogalleybrewing), their Instagram at: [www.instagram.com/frogalleybrewing](https://www.instagram.com/frogalleybrewing) and/or call: (518) 631-4800.

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