

"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 RETURNS TO THE LARGEST FREE FESTIVAL
IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW!**

Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY, returns to Musikfest in Bethlehem, PA on Sunday, August 4th. FPB will perform on the Festplatz Stage from noon to 3:30pm. Musikfest is the largest free festival in the United States, as last year over 900,000 people attended this event.

"The guys in Fritz's Polka Band are anxious to return to Musikfest for the fifth year in a row," said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. "Each time we've played this festival, the crowds have been really big! A neat thing about this festival is that there are so many different musical genres and the audience welcomes it. It's so thrilling to get booked to play at the largest free festival in the United States! I'm glad the promoters like my band's eclectic musical style and I want to thank them once again for having my band return."

October 14, 2018 marked the 40th anniversary of Fritz's Polka Band (FPB)! 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. FPB was inducted into the Syracuse Area Music Hall of Fame in 2010. 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 2013, FPB released their 18th recording, a double live CD entitled, *"The WSKG Sessions"*. In August 2018, FPB and each band member were again nominated for national awards by the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame.

For more information on Fritz's Polka Band's performance at Musikfest, including directions to the venue, go to:

<https://www.musikfest.org/event/8401/fritzs-polka-band>. For more details on FPB, view the band's website:

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