

“The only polka band to perform at a Woodstock Festival!”

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**FRITZ'S POLKA BAND RETURNS TO THE LARGEST FREE FESTIVAL
IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE TENTH YEAR IN A ROW!**

Fritz's Polka Band (FPB), featuring Fritz Scherz (2023 National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame Inductee), Gabe Vaccaro, Frank Nelson & Tim Quinn, returns to Musikfest in Bethlehem, PA on Sunday, August 4th and will perform on the Festplatz Stage at noon. Musikfest is the largest free festival in the United States, as 1,330,000 people attended in 2023 (new Musikfest attendance record).

“The guys in Fritz’s Polka Band can’t wait to return to Musikfest for the tenth year in a row,” said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. “Musikfest features a plethora of different musical genres and the audience welcomes it, too. Playing at the largest free festival in the United States is a true highlight of summer for us! I’m so 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 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’. On March 4, 2022, FPB won a Syracuse Area Music Award (SAMMY) for their recording, *“The Hands Of Time,”* which was released October 1, 2021. *“The Hands Of Time”* 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, the late Fred Scherz Sr., and Derek Sherinian (Alice Cooper, Dream Theatre, Black Country Communion, Joe Bonamassa & Sons Of Apollo). On November 25, 2023, Fritz was inducted into the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame as he received the Trustees Honor Roll Award.

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

<https://www.musikfest.org>. For info on FPB, view the band’s website: www.fritzspolkaband.com, Facebook page at:

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