

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

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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

Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY, returns to Musikfest in Bethlehem, PA on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and will perform on the Festplatz Stage at noon. Musikfest is the largest free festival in the United States, as over 1.1 million people attended in 2021.

"The guys in Fritz's Polka Band can't wait to return to Musikfest for the eighth year in a row," said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. "Musikfest features so many 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 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. 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. Earlier this year, on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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).

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

<https://www.musikfest.org/event/12417/fritzs-polka-band>. For info on FPB, view the band's website: [www.fritzspolkaband.com](http://www.fritzspolkaband.com),

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