"The first polka band to perform at a Woodstock Festival!" FRITZ'S POLKA BAND 6081 ROCK ROAD VERONA, NY 13478 (315) 363-3509 <u>fpolkaband@aol.com</u> <u>www.fritzspolkaband.com</u> <u>www.facebook.com/fritzspolkaband</u> <u>www.twitter.com/fritzspolkaband</u> "Sponsored by Coldcock Whiskey!"

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## FRITZ'S POLKA BAND RETURNS TO THE LARGEST FREE FESTIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES!

Fritz's Polka Band (sponsored by Coldcock Whiskey) from Verona, NY, returns to Musikfest in Bethlehem, PA on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) will perform on the Festplatz Stage from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. Performing with FPB for this gig will be special guest guitarist, Rocko Dorsey. Musikfest is the largest free festival in the United States, as last year over 1,000,000 people attended this event. This year marks Musikfest's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

"The guys in Fritz's Polka Band look forward to returning to Musikfest for the fourth year in a row...especially since Musikfest is celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and my band is celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary," said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. "As an added twist to our performance this year, FPB friend of many years, Rocko Dorsey will be special guest guitarist. Each time we've played this festival, the crowds have been huge! A neat thing about this festival is that there are so many different musical genres represented 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."

This year, Fritz's Polka Band is celebrating 40 years of performing! FPB made history in 1999 by becoming the first polka band to play at a Woodstock Festival. FPB has made 18 recordings and 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 2013, FPB released their 18<sup>th</sup> recording, a double live CD entitled, *"The WSKG Sessions"*. Last year, FPB was nominated for three Just Plain Folks Music Awards and each member was 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: <a href="http://www.musikfest.org/event/6796/fritzs-polka-band/">http://www.musikfest.org/event/6796/fritzs-polka-band/</a>. For more details on FPB, view the band's website: <a href="http://www.fritzspolkaband.com">www.fritzspolkaband.com</a>, Facebook page at: <a href="http://www.fritzspolkaband">www.fritzspolkaband.com</a>, Facebook page at: <a href="http://www.instagram.com/fritzspolkaband">www.fritzspolkaband.com</a>, Facebook page at: <a href="http://www.instagram.com/fritzspolkaband">www.fritzspolkaband</a>, and/or their Instagram at: <a href="http://www.instagram.com/fritzspolkaband">www.instagram.com/fritzspolkaband</a>.