

"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 NEW YORK STATE FAIR FOR THE 23rd YEAR IN A ROW!

Fritz's Polka Band (sponsored by Coldcock Whiskey) from Verona, NY returns to the New York State Fair on Tuesday, August 28 from 2pm to 3:30pm the Experience Stage.

"This year marks 23 years that we have been performing at the New York State Fair and we are delighted about being there again," said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band (FPB). "I'll always remember the first year my band played at the State Fair, as we were on the K-Rock Stage. That was the start to a great bunch of gigs over the years at the State Fair and we're so excited about this year being our 23rd year performing at such a great family-friendly event! Plus, with this year being our 40th year of performing as a band, playing a gig such as this is extra fun! As we've done each year at the State Fair since my Dad passed away, we'll be honoring his legacy by playing some of the songs that he wrote!"

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 18th 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 (CSPHOF). Last week, FPB and each band member were again nominated for national awards by the CSPHOF.

For more information on Fritz's Polka Band, view the band's website: www.fritzpolkaband.com, Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/fritzpolkaband, their Twitter feed at: www.twitter.com/fritzpolkaband, and/or their Instagram at: www.instagram.com/fritzpolkaband. For more details on the New York State Fair, go to: www.nysfair.org and/or call: (315) 487-

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