

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

**FRITZ’S POLKA BAND**

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*Listen for our tunes on the TV show, ‘Breaking Bad’ during season four in the Hermanos and Face Off episodes!*

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**FRITZ'S POLKA BAND NAMESAKE, FRITZ SCHERZ TO BE INDUCTED  
INTO THE NATIONAL CLEVELAND-STYLE POLKA HALL OF FAME!**

Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) namesake, Fritz Scherz (accordionist/vocalist) from Verona, NY, will be inducted into the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame as he will be a Trustees Honor Roll Recipient. This honor will be presented during the Awards Show on Saturday, November 25, 2023 as part of the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Polka Weekend at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South (6001 Rockside Rd.), Independence, OH. The Thanksgiving Polka Weekend is held November 24 & 25, 2023.

“When I received the letter in the mail informing me of my forthcoming induction, I got choked up,” said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. “When my Dad got inducted in 2004, I was so happy for him and proud. Now, to think that I’ll have this prestigious honor in common with him is quite special. I just wish him and Mom were still alive to see the induction ceremony! When I started playing accordion in 1976, I never imagined something like would be possible. Quite frankly, when I won the National Accordion Contest over 30 years ago, I never thought I’d receive another National honor! I am so grateful and proud! I want to thank the Board of Trustees at the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame for selecting me for this honor, my family for being so supportive over the years, the members (present & past) of Fritz’s Polka Band, the media who’ve covered my band and music over the years and of course, my band’s loyal fans!”

Fritz Scherz started playing the accordion in 1976 and then in 1978, along with his Dad, Fred Scherz Sr. and brother-in-law, Gabe Vaccaro, formed Fritz’s Polka Band (FPB). FPB first performed on October 14, 1978. In 1989, Fritz won the National Accordion Contest in Gibbon, MN. In 1999, FPB made history in 1999 by becoming the only polka band to play at a Woodstock Festival 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’. 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.

For more information on Fritz and/or Fritz’s Polka Band, visit the band’s website: [www.fritzspolkaband.com](http://www.fritzspolkaband.com), Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/fritzspolkaband](https://www.facebook.com/fritzspolkaband), X (formerly Twitter) page at: [www.twitter.com/fritzspolkaband](https://www.twitter.com/fritzspolkaband), and/or Instagram at: [www.instagram.com/fritzspolkaband](https://www.instagram.com/fritzspolkaband). For more Polka Weekend details, go to: [www.clevelandstyle.com](http://www.clevelandstyle.com) and/or call (216) 261-3263.

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