

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

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**FRITZ'S POLKA BAND'S 20<sup>th</sup> RECORDING, "The Hands Of Time" MEETS CRITERIA FOR FIRST ROUND OF THE GRAMMY AWARDS!**

Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY, is pleased to announce that "*The Hands Of Time*" (released 10/1/21) has met the criteria required for the first round of the Grammy Awards! "*The Hands Of Time*" is one of just forty albums in the "Best Regional Roots Music Album" category. The Hands Of Time (single that features Joe Bonamassa & Deen Castronovo) is one of 283 singles in the "Best American Roots Performance" category. Lastly, Brothers (single that features Deen Castronovo & Derek Sherinian) is one of 333 entries in "Best American Roots Song" category. Voting is only open to members of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences and runs through October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

"The guys in Fritz's Polka Band are thrilled that our recording and a couple of the tunes are under consideration for the Grammy Awards," said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. "As I said when this album was released, it's a very personal album, as my son, Freddy is a special guest on it. The song, The Hands Of Time was started by my Dad before he passed away. Joe and Deen did a tremendous job as special guests on it! Brothers is a song I wrote for my lifelong friends, Rick Szczyt and Ron Walker, so having that be the other tune under consideration is quite nice. Deen and Derek did a fabulous job as special guests on that tune."

FPB made history in 1999 by becoming the first 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'. 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, view the band's website: [www.fritzspolkaband.com](http://www.fritzspolkaband.com),

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