

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

FRITZ'S POLKA BAND

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (deadline to vote September 4th):

FRITZ'S POLKA BAND AND ALL FRITZ'S POLKA BAND MEMBERS NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL AWARDS!

Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY, as well as all FPB members have been nominated for national awards by the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame (CSPHOF) in Euclid, OH. FPB has been nominated in the "Band of the Year" category. Original remaining founding FPB members, Fritz Scherz (accordionist/vocalist) and Gabe Vaccaro (bassist/vocalist) have both been nominated in the "Musician of the Year" category, while fellow FPB members, Frank Nelson (guitarist/vocalist) and Mike Faraino (drummer) have been nominated in the "Sideman of the Year" category. The winners will be announced during the CSPHOF Awards Show on Saturday, November 24th at the Cleveland (OH) Downtown Marriott Hotel as part of the annual Thanksgiving Polka Weekend.

"The guys in my band were already eager to play again in Cleveland on November 24th and 25th, as we always have a great time there," said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. "Now, with FPB as well as each FPB member nominated for national awards, this has increased our anticipation for Thanksgiving Weekend! To think we get to play twice that weekend AND attend the awards show as nominees is an incredible feeling! We encourage our friends to join the CSPHOF right away and vote for us!!! This yet another cool thing happening this year as we celebrate our 40th anniversary!!!"

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.

For more information on Fritz's Polka Band, view the band's website: www.fritzspolkaband.com, Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/fritzspolkaband, their Twitter feed at: www.twitter.com/fritzspolkaband, and/or their Instagram at: www.instagram.com/fritzspolkaband. For details on joining the CSPHOF, go to: www.polka fame.com and/or call: (866) 66-POLKA.

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