

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FRITZ'S POLKA BAND RETURNS TO CLEVELAND, OHIO!!!

Fritz's Polka Band (sponsored by Coldcock Whiskey) from Verona, NY along with special guest, Rocko Dorsey will be returning to Cleveland, Ohio for the Thanksgiving Polka Weekend, November 24-25, 2017. This event will be held at the Cleveland Marriott at Key Center (127 Public Square) in Cleveland. FPB is scheduled to perform on November 24th at 3:30pm and November 25th at 5:30pm.

"The guys in my band are eager to return for this event and perform twice," said Fritz Scherz, bandleader of Fritz's Polka Band. "Over the years, we have played to big audiences there and can't wait to return! Plus, with FPB as well as each band member being nominated for some national awards that will be given out during the course of this weekend, we're really excited! Meanwhile, we're delighted to have a bunch of our friends going on a bus trip to these gigs. We've got some surprises planned, too, for the friends going with us! Joining us for these gigs will be our good friend of many years, Rocko Dorsey!"

Fritz's Polka Band has been performing for over 39 years, and 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. FPB won a Just Plain Folks Music (JPFM) Award in the Best Polka Song category for *Bialczak's Polka* in 2006. FPB won an Upper State Independent (USI) Award in Syracuse, NY in 2008 and 2009. In 2009, FPB won a Syracuse Area Music Award in the Best Recording: Other Styles category for their *"Reflections"* recording. In 2010, FPB was inducted into the Syracuse Area Music Hall of Fame. 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'. FPB was nominated in 2012 for two USI Awards. In 2013, FPB released their 18th recording, a double live CD entitled, *"The WSKG Sessions"*. In 2014, all FPB members were nominated for national awards by the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame! In 2015, Fritz and Gabe were nominated for national awards by the CSPHOF. In 2016, Fritz was nominated for a national award by the CSPHOF. Earlier this year, FPB was nominated for three JPFM Awards. A few months ago, FPB and each member were nominated for national awards by the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame (which will be given to the winners during this Thanksgiving Polka Weekend).

For more info on FPB, visit the band's website: www.fritzspolkaband.com, their Facebook page at:

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