

"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 CLEVELAND, OHIO!!!

Fritz's Polka Band from Verona, NY along with special guests, Rocko Dorsey and Rick Szczyt will be returning to Cleveland, Ohio for the Thanksgiving Polka Weekend, November 29-30, 2019. This event will be held at the Cleveland Marriott at Key Center (127 Public Square) in Cleveland. FPB is scheduled to perform on November 29th at 5pm and November 30th at 7pm. In addition, the FPB will be guest presenters in the Sideman of the Year category during the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame Awards Show at the Marriott during the afternoon of November 30th.

"As the two remaining founding members of FPB, my brother in law, Gabe Vaccaro and I are anxious to return to Cleveland for this event along with Rocko Dorsey and Rick Szczyt and perform twice as part of the Thanksgiving Polka Weekend and then present some awards during the Awards Show," said Fritz Scherz, bandleader of Fritz's Polka Band. "With my band being nominated in the "Band of the Year" category, and FPB original tune, *Fred's Polka*, which is the last song written by my Dad, the late Fred Scherz Sr. being nominated in the "New, Original Song" category as well as me being nominated in the "Musician of the Year" and "Button-Box: Artist or Duo" categories, this weekend is really going to be very exciting! As with the last two years we played at this event, Rocko will once again be a special guest guitarist. He's quite the talent, too, as he has been featured before on the Gretsch Guitars' website! As an extra treat this year, Rick Szczyt, who drummed in FPB for 24 years will be performing this weekend with us! Rick is an amazing talent too, as he has been nominated before for multiple national awards! We've got some surprises planned, too, for the friends going with us!"

October 14, 2018 marked the 40th anniversary of Fritz's Polka Band! FPB made history in 1999 by becoming the first polka band to play at a Woodstock Festival. FPB 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 November 2018, FPB released their 19th recording, *"Hey!"* which featured Rocko Dorsey, Ron Keck, and Todd Kerns (*from Slash featuring Myles Kennedy & The Conspirators, TOQUE, Age of Electric and more!*) as special guests!

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 the CSPHOF, go to: www.polkafame.com and/or call: (866) 66-POLKA.

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