

"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 7th):

FRITZ'S POLKA BAND AND FRITZ'S POLKA BAND NAMESAKE, FRITZ SCHERZ NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL AWARDS!

Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY, as well as FPB namesake, Fritz Scherz 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. An FPB original tune, *Fred's Polka* (the last song written by original member, the late Fred Scherz Sr.) is nominated in the "New, Original Song" category. Meanwhile, FPB namesake, Fritz Scherz (accordionist/vocalist) has been nominated in the "Musician of the Year" and "Button-Box: Artist or Duo" categories. The winners will be announced during the CSPHOF Awards Show on Saturday, November 30th at the Cleveland (OH) Downtown Marriott Hotel as part of the annual Thanksgiving Polka Weekend.

"The guys in my band look forward to performing on November 29 & 30 at the Thanksgiving Polka Weekend in Cleveland for the third year in a row as we always have a fabulous time there," said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. "It's a special honor to be nominated for multiple national awards again. To think we get to play twice that weekend AND attend the awards show as nominees is an awesome feeling! Many thanks to all the CSPHOF members who helped us get nominated! We encourage our friends to join the CSPHOF right away and vote for us!!!"

October 14, 2018 marked the 40th anniversary of Fritz's Polka Band (FPB)! 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. FPB was inducted into the Syracuse Area Music Hall of Fame in 2010. 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"*. In August 2018, FPB and each band member were again 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.polkafame.com and/or call: (866) 66-POLKA.

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