

***"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 TO PERFORM IN HOMETOWN FOR FIRST GIG OF 2013!!**

Jagermeister-sponsored, Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY, will return to Joel's Steakhouse (5548 Route 31) in Verona, NY on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> for their first gig of 2013, which will be an all ages event. FPB will play from 1pm to 4pm. In addition to FPB, Joel's Steakhouse will be offering an optional "all you can eat buffet".

"We're looking forward to returning to Joel's," said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. "We played there a few different times last year and had a great time! Many of our friends that attended were impressed with the buffet that Mark (owner of Joel's) offered, too! So, we thought this would be a great venue to start off the new year."

Fritz's Polka Band has been performing for over 34 years, and made history in 1999, when they became the first polka band to perform at a Woodstock Festival in Rome, NY. FPB has made 17 recordings and even appears on "*The Manchurian Candidate*" DVD which was released in July 2004. FPB won a Just Plain Folks Music Award in the Best Polka Song category for *Bialczak's Polka* on November 4, 2008. FPB won an Upper State Independent (USI) Award in Syracuse, NY, in the International Category in 2008 and 2009. In June 2009, FPB won their first ever Syracuse Area Music Award (SAMMY) 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, Fritz's Polka Band had two songs ('Grandparent's Polka' and 'Here Is Fritz's Polka Band') included in two different episodes of the hit TV show, 'Breaking Bad', seen on the AMC channel. FPB was also nominated this year for two USI Awards.

For more info on Fritz's Polka Band, visit the band's website: [www.fritzpolkaband.com](http://www.fritzpolkaband.com), their Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/fritzpolkaband](https://www.facebook.com/fritzpolkaband), their Twitter feed at: [www.twitter.com/fritzpolkaband](https://www.twitter.com/fritzpolkaband) or their sponsor's (Jagermeister) website, at: [www.jagermusic.com/fpolkaband](http://www.jagermusic.com/fpolkaband). For more info on FPB's gig at Joel's, call: (315) 363-5529.

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