

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FRITZ'S POLKA BAND RETURNS TO UTICA MAENNERCHOR FOR FASCHING NIGHT!!

Fritz's Polka Band (*sponsored by Coldcock Whiskey*) from Verona, NY will return to the Utica Maennerchor (5535 Flanagan Road) in Marcy, NY on Saturday, February 6th from 7pm to 10pm. This will be part of the annual "Fasching Night" celebration, which has a Mardi Gras theme and is open to both adults and children. An optional dinner starts at 6pm.

"My band's played at this annual event for many years, and it's always enjoyable seeing people of all ages dress up in their Mardi Gras costumes, compete for some costume prizes, and dance in a variety of ways to our tunes," said Fritz Scherz, bandleader of FPB. "The guys in FPB hope to see a whole bunch of people taking part in this year's Fasching Night, as we know it'll be festive!"

Fritz's Polka Band has been performing for 37 years, and made history in 1999 by becoming the first polka band to play at a Woodstock Festival in Rome, NY. FPB has made 18 recordings and appears on "*The Manchurian Candidate*" DVD, released in 2004. FPB won a Just Plain Folks Music Award in the Best Polka Song category for *Bialczak's Polka* in 2008. 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 late summer of 2014, all FPB members were nominated for national awards by the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame! In late summer of 2015, surviving founding FPB members, Fritz Scherz and Gabe Vaccaro were nominated for national awards by the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame!

For more information on this event, including pricing, call Leo Schwenzfeier at: (315) 736-7014. For more info on FPB, visit the band's website: www.fritzpolkaband.com, their Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/fritzpolkaband, their Twitter feed at: www.twitter.com/fritzpolkaband or call: (315) 363-3509.

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