

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

FRITZ'S POLKA BAND

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FRITZ'S POLKA BAND TO PERFORM AT NATION'S LARGEST FREE, NON-GATED MUSIC FESTIVAL!!!

On Sunday, August 4th, Jagermeister-sponsored, Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY, will perform at Musikfest in Bethlehem, PA. Musikfest is the nation's largest free, non-gated music festival and regularly draws over 900,000 people each year during the 10 day event. FPB will perform at noon on the Wells Fargo Festplatz Stage, which has Musikfest's only dance floor.

"The guys in FPB can't wait to play at this huge festival presented by ArtsQuest," said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. "We played for ArtsQuest last year for their Oktoberfest event and had a tremendous time. We were thrilled when they reached out to us this year for Musikfest, as we had always wanted to play at a festival this large. We can't wait to play there and share our various music styles!"

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 recently 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 last year for an USI Award.

For more Musikfest info, go to: <http://www.musikfest.org/lineup/fritzs-polka-band/> or call: (610) 332-1300. For more info on FPB, visit the band's website: www.fritzspolkaband.com, their Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/fritzspolkaband, their Twitter feed at: www.twitter.com/fritzspolkaband.

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