

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

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FRITZ'S POLKA BAND PLAYS TO STANDING ROOM ONLY CROWDS AT THE NEW YORK STATE FAIR!

On August 25, 2014, Jagermeister-sponsored, Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY performed three (3) different shows on the Regional Artists Variety Stage at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, NY that drew standing room only crowds!

"18 years ago, we played at the New York State Fair for the first time," said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. It was great to return to the Fair and play for standing room only crowds for our three sets! The audience was great during gig...especially considering how hot it was! Some of the tunes they applauded loudest for were 'I Know I Should', which was the first tune I wrote after my Dad passed away; 'There's A Party', which had a special audience clap along to get the tune started; 'Mustang Sally', which included a cool audience sing-a-long; and 'Pay Me My Money Down', which we extended the length of to include a solo from each FPB member. The members of FPB want to thank Sharron Pearson for booking FPB, Shawn for doing a great job on sound for us, and the media that helped cover our appearance. Last, but not least, thanks to all the people that attended our performances and helped make this gig memorable once again! This gig was special as it was exactly six years to the day that my Dad last played there.

Fritz's Polka Band has been performing for over 35 years, and made history in 1999 by becoming the first polka band to perform at a Woodstock Festival in Rome, NY. FPB has made 18 recordings and appears on *"The Manchurian Candidate"* DVD which was 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 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, FPB had two songs ('Grandparent's Polka' and 'Here Is Fritz's Polka Band') included in two different episodes of the TV show, 'Breaking Bad'. FPB was also nominated last year for two USI Awards. On November 1, 2013, FPB released their 18th recording, a double live CD entitled, *"The WSKG Sessions"*. A few weeks ago, all FPB members found out they got nominated for national awards by the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame!

For more info on FPB, call (315) 363-3509 and/or visit the band's website: www.fritzpolkaband.com, their Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/fritzpolkaband, and/or their Twitter feed at: www.twitter.com/fritzpolkaband. For more details on the New York State Fair, go to: www.nysfair.org and/or call: (315) 487-7711.

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