

"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 NEW YORK STATE FAIR!!!

On August 26, 2013, 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!

"17 years ago, we played at the New York State Fair for the first time, as we played on the K-Rock Stage," said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. "It was great to return to this event and play for standing room only crowds for each of our three sets! The audience was great all throughout our performances! Some of the tunes they applauded loudest for included 'Fred's Polka', which was the last tune my Dad ever wrote; 'Tribute', which we dedicated to the Veterans during our first set; 'Working Man Blues', which we extended the length of to include a solo from each member of my band; 'Pay Me My Money Down', which quite a few people requested and we did at the end of the second set; 'Oktoberfest Is Here Again', which is a newer song that I wrote, and 'Gimme Three Steps', which we ended the third set with. 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 certainly not least, we want to thank all of the people that attended our performances and helped make this gig so memorable once again!"

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 in November 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 hit TV show, 'Breaking Bad', seen on the AMC channel. FPB was also nominated last year for an USI Award.

For info on the New York State Fair, call: (315) 487-7711 or go to: www.nysfair.org/fair. 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.

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