

***"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 RETURNS TO THE NEW YORK STATE FAIR FOR THE 21<sup>st</sup> YEAR IN A ROW!**

Fritz's Polka Band (sponsored by Coldcock Whiskey) from Verona, NY returns to the New York State Fair on Monday, August 29, 2016 and will be doing three (3) different shows, scheduled for 11:30am, 1pm and 3pm on the Regional Artists Variety Stage.

“This year marks 21 years that we have been performing at the New York State Fair and we are excited about being there again,” said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band (FPB). “I’ll always remember the first year my band played at the State Fair, as we were on the K-Rock Stage. That was the start to a great bunch of gigs over the years at the State Fair and we’re so excited about this year being our 21<sup>st</sup> year performing there! The neat thing about this gig, is that it’s such a family-friendly event, as we always see people in the audience ranging from small kids to people well over 80 or even 90 years old! We take pride in being a band that brings generations together! As we’ve done each year at the State Fair since my Dad passed away, we’ll be honoring his legacy by playing some of the songs that he wrote!”

Fritz's Polka Band has been performing for over 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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!

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