

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

FRITZ'S POLKA BAND

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (deadline to vote September 30th):

FRITZ'S POLKA BAND NAMESAKE NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL AWARD!

Fritz Scherz (Fritz's Polka Band namesake) from Verona, NY, has been nominated for a national award by the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame (CSPHOF) in Euclid, OH. Fritz (accordionist/vocalist) has been nominated in the "Musician of the Year" category. The winners will be announced during the CSPHOF Awards Show, being held on Saturday, November 26th at the Cleveland (OH) Downtown Marriott Hotel as part of the annual Thanksgiving Polka Weekend.

"Being nominated again came as quite a surprise," said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. "Although I've been nominated before, it's never anything I take for granted. I truly appreciate the folks who voted for me and I want to wish the other nominees good luck. Meanwhile, I encourage my friends to join the CSPHOF soon and vote for me, as the voting deadline is September 30th!!!"

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 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!

For more info on FPB, email Fritz at: fpolkaband@aol.com or call him at: (315) 363-3509, 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 info on joining the CSPHOF, go to: www.polkafame.com and/or call: (866) 66-POLKA.

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