

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

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**FRITZ'S POLKA BAND TO HOST BUS TRIP TO BEAR MOUNTAIN OKTOBERFEST!**

Fresh off their performances before standing room only crowds at the New York State Fair last week, Jagermeister-sponsored, Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY, will perform during the Bear Mountain Oktoberfest opening weekend on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Bear Mountain State Park in Bear Mountain, NY. FPB is hosting a bus trip to this event.

“While we’ve performed for this Oktoberfest many times, this will be the first time we’ve hosted a bus trip for it,” said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band. “Since we had such a great time on our other two bus trips earlier this year, and the fact that so many of our friends were interested in this particular event, we thought it would be fun to host a bus trip to it. We encourage anyone interested in going on this trip to let us know as soon as possible.”

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 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 two USI Awards.

For more info on the FPB bus trip, including pricing information, call: (315) 363-3509. For more info on FPB, visit the band's website: [www.fritzspolkaband.com](http://www.fritzspolkaband.com), their Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/fritzspolkaband](https://www.facebook.com/fritzspolkaband), their Twitter feed at: [www.twitter.com/fritzspolkaband](https://www.twitter.com/fritzspolkaband).

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