

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

**FRITZ'S POLKA BAND**

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**FRITZ'S POLKA BAND PERFORMED AT ARTSQUEST OKTOBERFEST!**

Jagermeister-sponsored, Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY, was one of 32 bands selected (and just one of only four polka bands overall) to perform at this year's ArtsQuest Oktoberfest presented by Yuengling in Bethlehem, PA.

Fritz's Polka Band played on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> on the Fest Halle Stage.

"It was nice to return to this event for the second year in a row," said Fritz Scherz, band leader of Fritz's Polka Band.

"This is a large event and it's always nice to see an audience of all ages for our performance! My former elementary school Principal, Mrs. Sullivan was even in the audience and loved how my band sounded!"

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 FPB, visit the band's website: [www.fritzpolkaband.com](http://www.fritzpolkaband.com), their Facebook page at:

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