

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

**FRITZ'S POLKA BAND**

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**FRITZ'S POLKA BAND NOMINATED FOR TWO UPPER STATE INDEPENDENT AWARDS!!!**

Jagermeister-sponsored, Fritz's Polka Band (FPB) from Verona, NY, has been nominated for two Upper State Independent (USI) Awards. FPB is nominated in the Entertainment Group category as well as the International category. This year's award show will be at 7pm on October 13<sup>th</sup> at The Palace Theatre, 19 Utica Street in Hamilton, NY.

"We were excited to win an Upper State Independent Award in 2008 and 2009 in the International Category, and are thrilled to get nominated in two categories this year," said Fritz Scherz, bandleader of FPB. "Our win in 2009 was extra special, as it occurred one week before my Dad (Fred Scherz Sr.) passed away. We're truly appreciative of being nominated, and want to thank our great fans, djs, music critics, the media for supporting us over the years, and of course, our sponsor, Jagermeister. Thank you very much!"

Fritz's Polka Band has been performing for over 33 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. Last year, 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 an USI Award.

For more information on the USI Awards, and/or to vote, go to: [www.usiawards.com](http://www.usiawards.com). For more details on Fritz's Polka Band, visit the band's website: [www.fritzspolkaband.com](http://www.fritzspolkaband.com), their Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/fritzspolkaband](http://www.facebook.com/fritzspolkaband), or their sponsor's (Jagermeister) website: [www.jagermusic.com/fpolkaband](http://www.jagermusic.com/fpolkaband).

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