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In brief

Band releases new album

On May 30, Fritz's Polka Band of Verona released a new CD of all original tunes entitled "Reflections," which was recorded at Tuffy's Barn in Sangerfield.

The album includes:

It's A Jager Party, Scherz's Polka, Life on Earth, Havin' Fun, Oh Alice Dear, It Started with a Kiss, November Waltz, Walter's Polka, Please Don't Wait 'til Tomorrow, Mississippi, Too Afraid to Fall, After Polka Time, When I Last Saw You, The Trip is Over and a bonus track of Walter's Polka - Kravos mix.

Fred Scherz wrote Scherz's Polka, a Swiss-style, instrumental polka piece, as a musical way of paying honor to his family and heritage.

Fritz Scherz wrote "It Started With A Kiss" shortly after seeing a pregnant woman at a Colgate football game wearing a maternity shirt with an arrow pointing to her belly with the words "It Started With A Kiss" above the arrow.

Fritz said he immediately thought that'd be a fun song title.

Please Don't Wait 'Til Tomorrow was written by Fred prior to having surgery. The piece memorializes his mother's statement that "when you get older, each month just seems like a day."

"The lyrics reflect that theme, as well, as the importance of not being afraid to tell that loved one just how much you really do love them, as tomorrow is never a guarantee for any of us," Fritz said of his dad's serious ballad. "The fourth verse opens with, 'When it's over, it's over forever. And then, it's too late to say.' In other words, once you're gone, it's too late to say what you should've said when you were still here. If you love someone, be sure to tell them."

Fritz said the bonus track Kravos mix of Walter's Polka is basically the same tune as its namesake, but it features special guests, including Walter Ostanek on accordion, Ron Sluga on banjo and Bob Kravos on accordion, Solovox and piano.

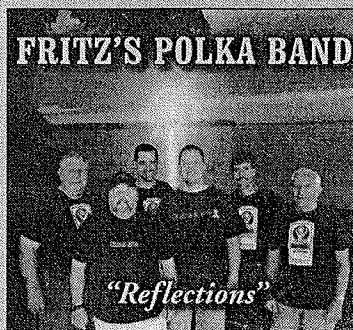
"These guests bring the Slovenian style to this song," Fritz said.

Ostanek is a Grammy Award-winner and has been nominated multiple times for Grammys. Sluga and Kravos also have been nominated multiple times for Grammys.

Band dedicates song for fallen soldier

Fritz's Polka Band of Verona performed for the Waterville Community Day Saturday, May 31. The group was approached by Sue Sigsbee about performing at this great community, said Fritz Scherz, band leader.

"For those that might not know Sue, her son, U.S. Army Corporal John Sigsbee, was killed in Iraq this past January," Scherz said. "She thought by putting this event together, it'd be a happy way for the Waterville community to bond together. Needless to say, the guys in FPB are honored to be taking part in this great event. In fact, not too long ago, FPB founding member, Fred Scherz Sr. wrote a special song in honor of John, entitled 'Tribute.' We will be dedicating that song to Sue and her family that day, as well as to the memory of John."



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