

**NATIONAL CLEVELAND-STYLE POLKA HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM**

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For immediate release:

**RFD-TV's Mollie B. and Squeezebox plus Grammy-Winner Walter Ostanek in Person**

## ***Thrill to Three Days of Polka Gold!***

### **The 50<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Polka Party Weekend**

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, November 28, 29 & 30  
Cleveland Downtown Marriott Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio

### **The Polka Hall of Fame Awards Show**

Saturday, November 30, 2:00 p.m.  
Euclid Auditorium, Euclid, Ohio

It's not Thanksgiving without the Polka Party Weekend at the Downtown Cleveland Marriott and the Polka Hall of Fame Awards Show Spectacular. This year the stars shine in Cleveland with featured appearances by RFD-TV's Mollie B. and Squeezebox and Canada's Polka King Walter Ostanek. Mollie will get you in your feet with polka and traditional dance favorites. Grammy-winner Walter Ostanek shares his joy of polka music every time he plays before a crowd. Enjoy three days of dancing, afternoon through midnight, with top Cleveland-Style polka bands in three hotel locations. The Saturday dance begins with the Polka Mass.

This year's Polka Hall of Fame Awards Show offers you "A Polka for Every Season." You'll delight to entertainers like Patty Candela and the Polka Stars of Tomorrow; Frank Stanger and his Song of the Year, "The Punxsutawney Phil Polka;" the Veseli Godci; and Walter Ostanek in the Christmastime finale with a jolly big guy in a red suit. Special awards go to lifetime honorees Eddie Adamic, Jim Kozel and Frankie Zeitz. Cross your fingers for the polka folks you like the most as annual awards are presented in several categories, including Album, Musician and Band of the Year.

Dance admission each day is only \$15 per person, including free indoor parking. 18 and under free. Awards Show tickets are \$15 each. Save with a twin Saturday ticket – the Awards Show and the Saturday dance for only \$25 per person. For dance and show tickets, call the Polka Hall of Fame, (216) 261-FAME, toll-free (866) 66-POLKA, or polkashop@aol.com.

Reserve rooms at the Downtown Marriott Hotel through Kollander Travel at a special rate: \$105 per room, per night, single or double, including tax and free indoor hotel parking. The Horseshoe Casino, shopping, and restaurants are only steps away on and around Public Square. Reach Kollander Travel at (216) 692-1000, toll-free (800) 800-5981, or kwt@kollander.com. ###

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# 50<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Polka Party Weekend Schedule

## **Thursday, November 28**

### MARRIOTT WELCOME CENTER

- 3:00 Linda Lee Brown (Michigan)
- 6:00 Ed Klimczak

### MARRIOTT GRAND BALLROOM

Polka Hosts: Denny Bucar & Joey Tomsick

- 4:00 Walter Ostanek, Canada's Polka King
- 5:00 Fred Ziwich Int'l Sound Machine
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- 7:00 Fred Ziwich Int'l Sound Machine
- 8:00 Squeezebox with Mollie B.
- 9:00 Don Wojtila Orchestra
- 10:00 Squeezebox with Mollie B.
- 11:00 Don Wojtila Orchestra

### SUPERIOR ROOM

- 6:00 Polka Stars of Tomorrow
- 8:00 Chardon Polka Band & DJ Kishka

## **Friday, November 29**

### MARRIOTT WELCOME CENTER

- 1:00 Fairport Jammers

### MARRIOTT GRAND BALLROOM

Polka Hosts: Denny Bucar & Joey Tomsick

- 3:00 Wayne Tomsick Orchestra
- 4:30 Jeff Pecon Orchestra
- 6:00 George Staiduhar Orchestra  
2012 RECORDING OF THE YEAR
- 7:00 Frank Stanger Orchestra
- 8:30 All-Star Jam Session
- 9:00 Squeezebox with Mollie B.
- 10:30 Klancnik and Friends

### SUPERIOR ROOM

- 6:00 Button Box Menagerie:  
Fred Ziwich, Kathy Hlad, Matt Frank,  
Julie Tabaj, Ted Lange
- 8:00 Hank Thunander's Polka Show

## **Saturday, November 30**

### MARRIOTT GRAND BALLROOM

- 6:00 The Polka Mass  
Bishop A. Edward Pevec, Fr. Frank Perkovich  
and the Joey Tomsick Orchestra
- 7:00 Joey Tomsick Orchestra  
2012 BAND OF THE YEAR
- 8:00 Eddie Rodick Orchestra

### SUPERIOR ROOM

7:00 Last Chance Polka Jam  
7:30 Dan Peters with Anthony Culkar  
9:00 All-Star Jam Session

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## **National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame 2013 ANNUAL AWARD NOMINEES**

### Band of the Year

Chardon Polka Band  
Klancnik and Friends  
Frank Moravcik Orchestra  
Joe Novak and Friends  
Frank Stanger Orchestra

### Recording of the Year

"All Keyed Up," Frank Stanger Orchestra  
"A Fistful of Polka," Chardon Polka Band  
"Journey to Remember," Anthony Culkar  
"Meisner Time," Steve Meisner  
"Sweet," Logan Watson

### Support & Promotion

Ed Gabrosek & Gene Kovack  
Mark Habat  
Steve and Dana Novosel  
Val Pawlowski  
Pam & Jerry Zagar

### Cultural & Heritage

Fantje Na Vasi  
Slovenian National Home, East 80<sup>th</sup>,  
Cleveland, OH  
SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, OH  
SNPJ Heritage Center, Enon Valley, PA  
Joe Valencic

### Musician

Joe Novak  
Brian O'Boyle  
Frank Stanger  
Frank Svet  
Wayne Tomsic

### Side Musician (3 elected)

Bob Ferritto  
Mark Habat  
Andy Hudak

Jim Penko  
Jim Slatinski  
Jack Tankovich  
Brian Zupancic

Button Box: Individual

Patty Candela  
Matt Frank  
Joe Grkman Jr.  
Kathy Hlad  
Ron Pivovar

Button Box Group

Fairport Jammers  
Magic Buttons  
Mahoning Valley Button Box Club  
Polka Pirates  
Western Pennsylvania SNPJ Button Box Club

Vocalist

Dale Bucar  
Bob Ferritto  
Jim Lapinski  
Murray McFadgen  
John Ross

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