

# The Mike Schneider Band Newsletter

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## 2000 Performances And Appearances

The year 2000 started off with a bang for Mike Schneider as he was asked in January by AM 620 WTMJ to record a version of the Star Spangled Banner for use during Wisconsin's Morning News featuring Robb Edwards. Mike's performance of the National Anthem – as well as the renditions of a select group of other national and local artists – can be heard Monday through Friday mornings only on AM 620 WTMJ. Later in January, Mike appeared on Fond Du Lac's *Backstage Live* radio program on WAMI nominated station KFIZ to discuss his latest release, *The Pursuit Of Polka's Lost Frontier*, as well as a few of his many performances scheduled for 2000. Included in these performances were the Wisconsin Polka Boosters 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wisconsin Polka Fest, three days at the Wisconsin State Fair at

Rupena's Pavilion, and an appearance at the Audubon Classic Polka Dance in Mayville, WI. In



August, Mike was featured in a front-page biographical article, *Oom-Pah-Pahing Since Age 6*, in the Catholic Herald, a regional publication of the Milwaukee

Archdiocese. The Mike Schneider Band also had the opportunity to perform for an international crowd of more than 1,000 people – including 1992 Nobel Peace Prize Nominee James E. “Chip” Carter – at the Monona Terrace in Madison, WI in November for an exhibition given by the Wisconsin Polka Boosters for the Friendship Force International, an organization founded by Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter and Wayne Smith for the purpose of promoting friendship among members of all nationalities.

## 2000 Nominations

The Mike Schneider Band received numerous awards nominations in 2000. Starting in February, they were nominated for a Wisconsin Area Music Industry (WAMI) Award in the polka category for the second year in a row. After having won its 1997 Horizon Award, the Wisconsin Polka Hall of Fame also honored the Mike Schneider Band in August with a nomination in its 2000 Band of the Year category – an award for which they were also nominated in 1998 and 1999.



## Looking Ahead To 2001

Mike's latest recording effort is tentatively scheduled to be released on compact disc and cassette during the second quarter of 2001. Mike is also scheduled to perform for the first time at Gemuetlichkeit Days in Jefferson, WI on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 until 7:30 p.m.

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