

APPEARANCE SCHEDULE

January

18 (Thursday)
Milwaukee Moose Lodge
5476 S. 13th St., Milwaukee, WI
1:00-4:00 PM Solo
Members Only

20 (Saturday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
8:30-11:45 PM

26 (Friday)
Milwaukee Moose Lodge
5476 S. 13th St., Milwaukee, WI
7:30-10:30 PM Members Only

February

16 (Friday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
8:30-11:45 PM

24 (Saturday)
Milwaukee Moose Lodge
5476 S. 13th St., Milwaukee, WI
7:30-10:30 PM Members Only

March

17 (Saturday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
8:30-11:45 PM

April

28 (Saturday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
8:30-11:45 PM

May

19 (Saturday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
8:30-11:45 PM

PINT SIZE POLKAS DATES

See Mike's schedule for *Pint Size Polkas* by visiting the Events page at www.pintsizepolkas.com. New dates coming soon!

THE Mike SCHNEIDER BAND NEWSLETTER

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LOOKING BACK ON 2017

Without a doubt, my single biggest accomplishment with the Mike Schneider Band in 2017 was the release of *Happy Polka Day* and the subsequent honors it received from the National Cleveland Style Polka Hall of Fame. All the work Don Hunjadi, Jim Thull and I put into it paid off, and I'd like to thank you for your support! The title track of the



album won 2017 New Song of the Year, and "A Waltz for Kelby" and "A Waltz for Heather" both were nominated in the same category. Congratulations to Fred Ziwich on his win in the Album of the Year category, an award *Happy Polka Day* was also up for.

With *Pint Size Polkas*, I visited more than 120 libraries in 13 states in 2017 from as far east as Norfolk, VA to as far west as Gallup, NM. To date I've racked up just over 25,000 miles on my mini-van for the year. I am very grateful for my local library and the hundreds of hours worth of audio books I check out from them to keep me awake on long summertime drives!

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2018

Last year at this time I reported the decline of traditional polka music dances. This year, I am happy to report two new venues in Milwaukee have hired me to perform multiple dates in 2018, namely the Milwaukee Moose Lodge, and the Old German Beer Hall on Old World Third Street. Whether you want to dance, or are looking for a place with tons of atmosphere, these two venues have you covered! Please check the sidebar schedule for details, or visit the Schedule page at www.mikeschneider-band.com for the latest listings.

This summer is also shaping up to be one of the best yet for *Pint Size Polkas*, with more than 100 bookings to date throughout the Midwest and Southwest the end of May through the beginning

of August alone, with many more likely to come through this winter and spring. I've also booked more school shows than last year, and am glad to hear after nearly 10 years of doing *Pint Size Polkas* that the good word is spreading far and wide. Thank you again for your support of my efforts to bring the happy sounds of polka music to children and their families across the United States, and to help make this a full-time profession – something more than 10 years ago I would have thought impossible. Thank you!

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

Last but certainly not least, my wife Heather and I celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary last month with a special service and gathering at our parish, St. Stephen in Clinton. Our friend Bishop Don Hying was kind enough to drive in from his diocese in Gary, IN to celebrate Mass. It was an amazing day, and neither Heather nor I can believe it's already been 10 years. Thank you for your support, and as always, for your friendship! ■



Mike & Heather and the kids with Bishop Don Hying after Mass.