

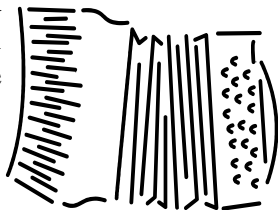
The Mike Schneider Band Newsletter

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1999 Performances And Appearances

The year 1999 has been the most prosperous to date in the brief history of the Mike Schneider Band. Starting in June, they performed as the opening act for the Polka Family in front of a crowd of over 400 people at *Rainbow Summer* – one of Milwaukee’s premier outdoor music festivals held at the PAC’s Peck Pavilion. Regarding this and other up-and-coming events, Mike made guest appearances on Today’s TMJ 4 with Mike Miller, WKTI’s Reitman and Mueller Show, and Wisconsin’s Morning News featuring Robb Edwards on WTMJ. The following week, the Mike Schneider Band proceeded Jerry Halkoski and the Julida Boys as the headliner on the Garden Stage on the opening day of *Summerfest* – the nation’s largest outdoor music festival. Although this was the first time polka music had been there in several years, it was well received by an audience dominated by twenty-somethings. In August, the Mike Schneider Band performed for the Wisconsin State Fair at Rupena’s Pavilion. To top off an already stellar summer, they also made an appearance on the main stage of the Marcus Amphitheater to play a polka and “Happy Birthday” for J.C. – a member of the popular musical group ‘N Sync. This was the first time that a polka band had ever set foot on the stage of the Amphitheater – a true honor, indeed!



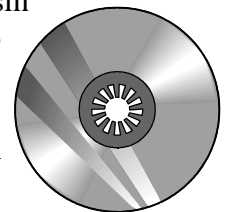
1999 Awards And Nominations

The Mike Schneider Band was recognized as one of Wisconsin’s best polka bands in 1999. In February, they were nominated for a Wisconsin Area Music Industry (WAMI) Award in the polka category. This distinction was followed in July by a nomination for the National Cleveland Style Polka Hall of Fame’s “Best New/Young Band” Award. After having won its 1997 “Horizon Award”, the Wisconsin Polka Hall of Fame also honored the Mike Schneider Band with a nomination in its 1999 “Band of the Year” category – an award for which they were also nominated in 1998.



Looking Ahead To 2000

The Mike Schneider Band is scheduled to perform in Concord, WI on Saturday, May 20th for the 22nd Annual Wisconsin Polkafest as presented by the Wisconsin Polka Boosters. Mike also plans to begin working on his next album which is tentatively set to be released in the spring of 2001.



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