

APPEARANCE SCHEDULE

January

5/6 (Friday/Saturday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
7:00-10:00 PM Friday
8:30-11:30 PM Saturday

18 (Thursday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
7:00-10:00 PM Solo

February

2 (Friday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
7:00-10:00 PM

13 (Tuesday)
National Bakery
3200 S. 16th St.
Milwaukee, WI
6:00-10:00 AM

22 (Thursday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
7:00-10:00 PM Solo

March

7 (Thursday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
7:00-10:00 PM Solo

9 (Saturday)
Food & Froth
Milwaukee Public Museum
800 W. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI
6:00-10:00 PM Solo

22/23 (Friday/Saturday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
7:00-10:00 PM Friday
8:30-11:30 PM Saturday

All dates subject to change without notice. Please visit the Schedule page at mikeschneiderband.com for up-to-date information.

THE Mike SCHNEIDER BAND NEWSLETTER

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PINT SIZE POLKAS

In 2023, Pint Size Polkas broke the 140 show mark for the third time since I started in 2009! I visited libraries this summer as far west as Gallup, NM, to as far east as Falls Church, VA. In September, I made a return trip to the Chippewa Falls Oktoberfest. Thankfully, the shows this year went so well, I already have more than 80 shows booked for next summer, including my first ever visit to California! My accordions – and golf clubs – will most definitely be in tow! For Pint Size Polkas dates, please visit the Events page at www.pintsizepolkas.com. I'll be posting new events there for 2024 in January. Thank you, librarians and music teachers!

MIKE SCHNEIDER BAND



In 2023, we enjoyed monthly appearances at the Old German Beer Hall in Milwaukee. I also had the chance to work with two living polka legends in John Pecon, Jr. and Ron Sluga (pictured) at the Cleveland Hofbräuhaus in June during a trip to Ohio for a series of library programs. It was a bucket list type of night for me!

During Oktoberfest season, we played everything from a back yard party, to a private Oktoberfest party at a secluded north woods home, to a permanently docked ship just south of Navy Pier in Chicago. Plus, for the first time, we helped kick off Friday morning's festivities at the La Crosse Oktoberfest. By the time we started, our tent was packed, and it only got busier as our set went on. And, let's not forget the Milwaukee Oktoberfest, the Hoffman Estates Platzkonzert, and Gemuetlichkeit Days, three of our favorite annual stops. What an amazing Oktoberfest season! And maybe best of all, most of next year's September and October weekends are already filled with repeat business from this past Fall. Thank you to everyone who helped make this one of the best Oktoberfest seasons yet!

I have always loved Christmas music, and have enjoyed our annual performances for the Wisconsin Polka Boosters annual Christmas Dinner Dance. This year, our Holiday season schedule expands in a big way, with appearances at Old World Wisconsin, the Wauwatosa Holiday Market, and the Carmel, IN Christkindmarkt, one of the largest Christmas markets in the U.S. I hope this trend continues, because musically, it's my favorite time of year!

REMEMBERING STEVE MEISNER

One of the highest honors we had this year was having the chance to help celebrate the life of Steve Meisner at the Schwabenhof in August. It was there as a teenager I got to see Steve and his Dad, Verne, perform on numerous occasions, and even got to sit in with Verne a few times. It's because of Steve that I have a Baldoni American Polka, and because of Verne my Dad got a Baldovox, which I now often play on stage. The polka scene won't be the same without Steve. But, Meisner music will live on for a long time to come! Thanks, Verne and Steve, for your musical influence. ■



We were the first people in the U.S. to see the sunrise in Maine!