

POLKA MONTH DANCE

January Is National Polka Month!

Join Us for a Texas-Sized Celebration!

SAT., JANUARY 27

7-11PM | Schulenburg KC Hall (405 South St)



Dujka Brothers

Congratulate Mark and John on receiving an International Polka Association Music Award for their recording of Church Picnic Polka.

Support the IPA!

Help us raise funds for the association to promote, maintain, and advance public interest in polka entertainment.



ADMISSION: \$10/\$5 for IPA Members

(join at the dance and get \$5 back!) Kids 12 and under: free

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM • SILENT AUCTION
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Join Today! The International Polka Association is a non-profit organization whose purpose is the advancement of polka music. Your membership dues allow the IPA to continue its mission. Join today and be a part of this exciting organization!

Visit ipapolkas.com/store to join, or send your check to:

John Krawisz, Financial Secretary
International Polka Association
PO Box 1484
Plainfield, IL 60585

Dues are only \$15 a year.
You'll receive 6 newsletters to keep
up with IPA events, radio shows,
and award news.

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Help us celebrate with a Texas-sized polka party, and support the International Polka Association on Sat., Jan. 27, from 7-11 pm at the KC Hall in Schulenburg. The **Dujka Brothers** will provide the music, and the evening will be emceed by **Danny Zapletal of Czech & Then Some**, who serves as a trustee on the IPA Hall of Fame board.

This will be the third year to have an IPA benefit dance sponsored by *Texas Polka News*. The first benefit was a Super Bowl party with **Squeezebox** held in Houston at Lodge 88 in 2016. The second dance was held at the KJT Hall in Ennis this past January to celebrate the induction of **Carl Finch of Brave Combo** into the IPA Hall of Fame, and the 20th anniversary of **Czech & Then Some**.

This year's dance will celebrate the Dujka Brothers IPA Music Award for their recording of *Church Picnic Polka*. Admission is \$10, but only \$5 for IPA members. If you join that day, you'll get \$5 back! Bid on items in the silent auction, win a door prize, and sign up or renew your subscription to the *Texas Polka News* with \$5 of the subscription price going to the IPA. "The last two parties have been so successful, we want to keep the tradition going," Danny Z said.

IPA TO CELEBRATE 50TH YEAR

The IPA will celebrate the 50th annual IPA Festival and Convention, held at the Millennium Hotel in Buffalo, NY on Labor Day Weekend Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2018. The Festival will kick off with a welcome party on Friday, the Polka Music Hall of Fame and Music Awards Banquet on Saturday, and a Polka Mass and annual election of officers and convention meeting on Sunday.

The IPA organized as an educational and charitable organization for the preservation and

advancement of polka music and; to promote, maintain, and advance public interest in polka entertainment; to advance the mutual interests and encourage greater cooperation among its members who are engaged in polka entertainment; and to encourage and pursue the study of polka music, dancing and traditional folklore.

The IPA presents many special awards each year to encourage the promotion of polka music. Through the efforts of the IPA, the month of January has been proclaimed as National Polka Music Month, and the IPA celebrates with an annual festival in Chicago. This year's festival will be held Sat. and Sun., Jan. 13 and 14, featuring **Lenny Gomulka and His Chicago Push Band** on Friday, and eight top bands on Sunday – **Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze, Lenny Zielinski and the D-Street Band, The Polka Generations, Gennie O and the Windy City Brass, The Tri-City Drive, Freeze Dried, The Music Company, and the IPA Tribute Band.**

The IPA is also responsible for the continued operation and growth of the Polka Music Hall of Fame and Museum, located in Chicago. You'll find two Texans in the hall – **Alfred Vrazel** for his work as a polka radio DJ for 60 years, and **Carl Finch of Brave Combo**. The museum provides a means for people to learn about the origins and development of polka music in all its styles and forms. It also provides a historical record of events and occurrences in the polka field. The institution also contains an unparalleled collection of artifacts, sheet music, recordings and memorabilia associated with polka music that not only provides an educational resource for the general public, but is also a research tool for scholars, the media, and historians.

The IPA has set a goal to reach 1,000 members during its 50th anniversary year. So far, there are 941 members as of Dec. 12. A \$15 annual membership allows the IPA to continue its polka mission.

"Join us on Jan. 27th to learn more about the IPA and celebrate our unique style of Texas polka," Danny Z said. See ad, this page.