

The Fritz Willfahrt Orchestra

The unique thing about this orchestra is half the players play multiple instruments which helps the band produce all types of music. Fritz along with wife Susan, John Valenta Jr. and Mary Valenta take care of the vocals in the band. Members of the band consist of:

John Valenta Sr.: Clarinet, Sax, Piano

Al Marquardt: Clarinet, Sax, Trumpet

Gene Burmeister: Trumpet

Bob Bodorph: Trumpet

John Valenta Jr.: Drums, Vocals

Ted Groedke: Bass

Bud Ginnrich: Piano

Fritz Willfahrt: Leader, Vocals, Accordion, Concertina, Button Accordion, trumpet and piano

John's wife Mary is the band's secretary and also books jobs:

The band newest CD is "Here Comes Johnny"

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| 1. Till We Meet Polka | 10. Maribel Waltz |
| 2. Cat & Mouse Polka | 11. Old Lady Hoolerie |
| 3. Angry V John Jr | 12. Innocence Waltz |
| 4. Mary Lou Polka V John & Mary | 13. Stillwater Hoolerie |
| 5. Little Bitty Tear V Fritz & Sue | 14. Bluestone Laendler |
| 6. Bartender Song John Jr., Sr., & Mary | 15. Katrina Laendler |
| 7. Walk Right Back V John Jr | 16. Tennessee Waltz Mary |
| 8. In The Dark Polka | 17. Blue Skirt Waltz John & Mary |
| 9. Terry's Polka | 18. Kunish Waltz |

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| 1. Fritz's Polka | 12. Golden Pheasant Polka |
| 2. Emma's Waltz | 13. Red Raven Waltz |
| 3. Terry's Polka | 14. Helena Polka |
| 4. Oh, How She Lied V | 15. Missing You Waltz V |
| 5. Old Drunk's Waltz | 16. Old Lady Polka |
| 6. Springime Polka | 17. Farmer's Wedding Hoolerie |
| 7. Cottage Under The Mountain | 18. Redhead Polka |
| 8. Guido Polka | 19. Warren's Polka |
| 9. Orphan Waltz | 20. Rainbow Polka |
| 10. Susie Polka | 21. Ellen Polka |
| 11. Little Fisherman's Waltz | 22. Happy Birthday V |

Featuring Fritz, Ron, and Florence Willfahrt on Button Accordions along with John Valenta - Piano

Dan Jerebek - Tuba

Lila Jerebek - Drums

Vol. 2 "Latest Edition - In The Rodgers Tradition"

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| 1. Gay Time Polka | 9. Kiss My Brass Polka |
| 2. Love Dreams Waltz | 10. Cherry Blossom |
| 3. Poloma Blanca | 11. Green Gate Polka |
| 4. Deutschland Clarinets | 12. A Night In May Waltz |
| 5. Black Crow Polka | 13. Lonesome Roses Polka |
| 6. Two Canaries Polka | 14. Blue Bird Waltz |
| 7. In The Woods Waltz | 15. Jumping Jimmy Polka |
| 8. Little Echo Polka | |

Dick Rodgers TV Recording Orchestra
under the direction of **Fritz Willfahrt**

Dick RodgersConcertina, Piano, Coordinator
Dick MetkoAccordion, Trumpet, Vocals
Dick WintersTrumpet
Elmer HayesTrumpet
Duane WestphalSax, Clarinet, Arrangements
John ValentaSax, Clarinet, Piano
Dan JerabekTuba
Elgene NulhicekDrums
Fritz WillfahrtButton Accordion, Piano, Vocals,
.....Assistant Coordinator
Susan WillfahrtGraphics Designer

The **Fritz Willfahrt's Orchestra** also plays for polka masses. Some of the tunes featured on the album "Praise God in Polka Style" include:

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| 1. Come Holy Ghost | 8. Lamb of God |
| 2. O Lord Have Mercy | 9. O Lord I Am Not Worthy |
| 3. Gloria | 10. Psalm |
| 4. Prayer of the Faithful | 11. We Come To You O Lord |
| 5. Hail Mary | 12. Whispering Hope |
| 6. Our Father | 13. In The Garden |
| 7. Let the Sunshine In | |

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