



POLKY EPK

Contemporary Polish Folk / World / Slavic

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QUOTES

"Polky had people on their feet."

- Brent Lale - CTV News London, [read here!](#)

"Joyful songs celebrating Polish music in Canada!"

- Angel Romero, World Music Central, [read here!](#)

"Energetic wilderness"

- Songlines Magazine, [read here!](#)

"Polky musically incorporates the love of all their homes' traditional music into their own luminous original sound."

- The Whole Note Magazine, [read here!](#)

"Valiant and cheerful."

-Exclaim! [read here!](#)



"Ewelina is a powerful vocalist whose voice could peel the wallpaper off walls."

- Roots Music Canada, [read here!](#)

Recent highlights

Winner, Traditional Singer of the Year - Canadian Folk Music Awards (2022)

Nominee, Global Roots Album of the Year - Canadian Folk Music Awards (2022)

Nominee, Emerging / New Artist of the Year - Canadian Folk Music Awards (2022)

POLKY BIO

Bio 50 words

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With their infectious charm, captivating performances, and unyielding passion for exploration, Polky is undoubtedly a band that stands apart. Their music is not just a sonic experience but a celebration of cultural diversity, women empowerment, an invitation to revel in the joy of life, and a reminder that, deep down, we are all connected by the power of music.

Over the past two summers, Canadian Folk Music Award winner (2022), Toronto's women-led Polish folk ensemble Polky has grown its Canadian touring radius, performing at eleven summer festivals across the country, ranging from Vancouver Island MusicFest (2023) and Regina Folk Festival (2023) to Sunfest (2022) and Stan Rogers Folk Festival (2022) while being recognized as official showcasing artists at Folk Music Ontario, Folk Alliance International, APAP, Your Roots Are Showing and Mundial Montreal, effectively promoting Polish and Eastern European folk traditions. Their EP, titled "Immigration" (2018), drew inspiration from various sources, such as Polish traditional music hailing from the Mazovia region and Polish mountains and themes of immigration to Canada. Interestingly, even Led Zeppelin played a role in their creative



influences. Their debut album, "Songs From Home" (2020), received praise from Songlines Magazine for its captivatingly dynamic essence. It encapsulates the spirit of the multicultural city of Toronto and reflects the band's deep-rooted Polish heritage. Notably, this album's excellence led to its nomination in three categories at the Canadian Folk Music Awards 2022, ultimately clinching the Traditional Singer of The Year Award for the talented Ewelina Ferenc.

Preferred lineup:

Ewelina Ferenc - *lead vocal, percussion*

Marta Sołek - *Polish knee fiddles*

Ekaterina Pyatkova - *vocals*

Peter Klaassen - *upright bass (sub: Connor Crone)*

Sam Clark - *fiddle*

Max Senitt - *percussion (subs: Matias Recharte, Jaime Eduardo Carrasco, Lorie Wolf)*

Performance History:

Aug 3-5, 2024 - Canmore Folk Festival, Canmore, AB

July 28, 2024 - Cheektowaga Polish Festival, Buffalo, NY

July 27, 2024 - Scarborough Folk Festival, ON

July 11-14, 2024 - Winnipeg Folk Festival, Winnipeg, MA

May 11, 2024 - Pittonkatonk Festival, Pittsburgh, PA

May 10, 2024 - Fire Museum Presents, Philadelphia, PA

May 8, 2024 - Jalopy Theatre, New York City, NY

May 7, 2024 - West Claremont Center, Claremont, NH, USA

May 6, 2024 - Club Passim, Cambridge, MA, USA

May 5, 2024 - Cafe Lena, Saratoga Springs, NY, USA

May 4, 2024 - Next Stage Theatre, Putney, VT, USA

May 3, 2024 - Polish Arts Club, Buffalo, NY, USA

Jan 20, 2024 - Your Roots Are Showing, Dundalk, Ireland

Jan 11, 2024 - DROM NYC, APAP conference, New York City, USA

Aug 11-13, 2023 - Regina Folk Festival, Regina, SK

Aug 4-6, 2023 - Blue Skies Music Festival, Clarendon, ON



July 14-16, 2023 - Vancouver Island MusicFest, Comox Valley, BC

July 13, 2023 - Beacon Park, Victoria, BC

July 12, 2023 - Highway 19 Concerts, Campbell River, BC

July 8-9, 2023 - Harrison Folk Festival, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

Mar 11, 2023 - Northern Lights Festival Boreal's Bloom - Sudbury, ON

Feb 11, 2023 - BLOK Presents Lemon Bucket + Svjata Vatra + Polky + DJ McHi

Jan 27, 2023 - Brampton Folk Club, Brampton, ON

Jan 21, 2023 - National Arts Centre, Ottawa, ON, presented by Axe WorldFest

Dec 10, 2022 - Merry Merry Music Stage, Eaton Centre Toronto, ON

Sep 18, 2022 - Fab Collab at Mimico Park, Toronto

Sep 17, 2022 - Small World Music Festival, Toronto

Sep 16, 2022 - Ukrainian Festival Toronto

Aug 28, 2022- Union Station, Toronto

22-24 July 2022 - Stan Rogers Festival, Canso, NS

9-10 July 2022 - Sunfest Festival, London, ON

8 July 2022 - Kultrun Festival, St. Jacobs, ON

3 Jul, 2022 - DiverseCity Festival, Alberton, PEI

2 July 2022 - Under the Spire Festival, Indian River, PEI

1 July 2022 - Irish Society, Charlottetown, PEI

1-3 April 2022 - Canadian Folk Music Awards, Charlottetown, PEI

Sep 17, 2021, 7 pm - BLOK: Slavic Music Meet

Sep 9, 2020 - URGNT Slavic Music Meet, Online

Jul. 27, 2020 - Global Toronto Conference, Official Showcase, Online

Dec. 21, 2019 — Polky at Mackenzie House | Toronto, ON.

Oct. 5, 2019 — Nuit Blanche, Aga Khan Museum | Toronto, ON

Jul. 27-28, 2019 — Memoire et Racines Festival | Joliette, QC

Jul. 26, 2019 — Quai des Brumes | Montreal, QC

Jun. 22, 2019 — Queensway Butter Tart Festival | Etobicoke, ON

Apr. 5, 2019 — Koerner Hall Roby Lakatos postlude show | Toronto

Feb. 13-17, 2019 — Folk Alliance International Conference - Official Showcase | Montreal, QC

Feb. 17, 2019 — Polish Consulate Montreal w. Magda Navarrete | Montreal, QC

Oct. 14, 2018 — Eastern European Dance Party | Owen Sound

Sept. 27-30, 2018 — Folk Music Ontario Conference - Official Showcase | Mississauga, ON



Aug. 29, 2018 — Ashkenaz Festival | Lula Lounge Toronto

Aug. 17-19, 2018 — Summerfolk Music and Crafts Festival | Owen Sound, Ontario

Jul. 20-22, 2018 — Capital Ukrainian Festiva | Ottawa

Jul. 13-15, 2018 — Stewart Park Festival | Perth, Ontario

Jul. 1, 2018 — Canada Day | Yonge - Dundas Square | Toronto

Jun. 23, 2018 — Polish Consulate, Toronto

Nov. 4, 2017 — Lemon Bucket Orkestra CD release @The Danforth Music Hall

Sep. 15, 16, and 17, 2017 — Toronto Ukrainian Festival

Sep. 17, 2017 — Roncesvalles Polish Festival

Sep. 17, 2017 — Hugh's Room Live

Aug. 13, 2017 — Sofar Sounds Toronto

Jul. 23, 2017 — Big on Bloor Festival

Jun. 25, 2017 — Pedestrian Sundays in Kensington Market

Jun. 10, 2017 — Mississauga Polish Day

VIDEO LINKS:

Promo Reel 2024:

https://youtu.be/bk_RNl0wCbw

More:

<https://youtu.be/rHfSfa3RqO4>

<https://youtu.be/iRcHtwZ5Tsw>

https://youtu.be/wXDILz_cZY0

https://youtu.be/Mm_rmPiRwU

<https://youtu.be/0MZ4RBS7Hlc>

Web-links



Official website: <https://polkyband.com/>

Soundcloud: <https://soundcloud.com/polkyband>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGDXjkaEp5DSkOVyLug1qBg>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/polkyband/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/polkyband/>

Bandcamp: <https://polkyband.bandcamp.com/releases>

Discography:

Immigration EP - June 22, 2017

Rain single - May 15, 2020

Songs From Home LP - December 6, 2020

Rutka, single - to be set to released in the fall 2024

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