



**Rock 'n' Roll and Punk and Ska are all really just POLKA!
POLKAHOLIX are Men on a Mission and the Mission is Polka.
Mission Accomplished? Read on:**

December 2012 the intrepid POLKAHOLIX celebrated their 10th birthday in polka-space. In that time, they've played over 1000 shows; it's clear that this polka-mission does not have a problem.

2014 was a busy year with concerts in Denmark, Austria, Poland, Italy and Germany – wherever the faithful await their appearance.

FERRY GROTT (trumpet, voc) / **ANDREAS WIECZOREK** (lead vocal, alto sax)

MARIO FERRARO (guitar, voc) / **SNORRE SCHWARZ** (drums, voc)

JO MEYER (accordion, voc) / **STEPHAN BOHM** (trombone, voc) **CHRISTOPH FRENZ** (double bass, voc)

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THE POLKAHOLIX STORY

On December 13th 2002, a bunch of musicians were partying. Suddenly, over the radio, came 'Weird Al' Yankovic, with 'The Hot Rocks Polka', consisting of Rolling Stones classics performed in 2:4 time. Huh? Polka rhythms?

For the musicians, it was a revelation: rock'n'roll is polka, no more, no less!

Punk? Ska? Rockabilly, surf music, heavy metal? All polka! No more beating around the bush!! Tell it like it is!!

The POLKAHOLIX spontaneously formed the same evening; after a baptism of rehearsals and cases of Böhmisches beer, they undertook to spread the Polka-word across the world.

After testing the Berlin club scene, the first Great Polka Service was held at the Rudolstadt festival in 2003. The flood broke – the POLKAHOLIX were invited to deliver Holy Polka across the length and breadth of Europe.

They traveled to Scandinavia. In Finland, early first-adopters of polka had prepared the way with Humppa, the local version.

The Norwegians call it Ompa and they attacked from the north, with their battle cry "Ompa Til You Dør" ('Ompa Until You Die'). The POLKAHOLIX pressed hard from the southern edge and the Danish masses were eagerly converted:

"Fantastic music, fantastic show, go, polka go!!" [EKSTRA BLADET / DK]

The years flew by, and their mission led southwards to Slovenia, Croatia, Italy and Austria:

"With rocking guitars, punky drumming, blasting horns, slapping double bass and pumping accordion, the Polkaholix blow a blast of fresh air up the skirt of Auntie Polka, leaving her dancing euphorically". [KRONE / A]

Devotional POLKAHOLIX releases to date: 'Denkste' (2003), 'The Great Polka Swindle' (2007) 'PolkaFace' (2010) and 'Rattenscharf'(2014). The POLKAHOLIX were deluged with chart placings, blessings, nominations, beatifications and awards. The number of the faithful grew. The gates of Poland fell to their message. The doors of the Czech Republic were cast open. The Portuguese became converts to the Cause:

"Polkaholix from Berlin unbelievable and sensational!" [ESPRESSO / P]

The British and the Dutch waved the flag of surrender and adopted the polka-dogma without resistance: ***"The best, just cool – no competition!" [GRONING DAGBLAD / NL]***

The blessed brass and guitars of the POLKAHOLIX take no prisoners.

The year 2014 was a fantastic and successful mission with more than eighty Polka Services - the end is not nigh! Polka On!