

SAVE THE DATE

The Maroszek Bros

50
Years Plus

*Appreciation
Night*

April 6, 2024

Scolly's Hometown Pub

149 W Pulaski St. • Pulaski, WI 54162

6 PM - ? | FREE ADMISSION

Special Guest Appearances by:

Maroszek Bros • New Generation • TNT • LIVEwire
The Mix • Polish Sweethearts • Polka Horizons

Maroszek Bros Celebrating 50 Years Plus at Scolly's in Pulaski on April 6th 6 PM - ? Free Admission

In 1971, at the young age of 13, Gene began taking concertina lessons, in the basement of Art Wielgus's home in Pulaski, Wisconsin. In December 1972, he booked his first job with his brother Michael (who played the drums), for a New Year's Eve dance at the South Chase Tavern.

That is when the "Maroszek Bros." were born... and as they say the rest is history! As time went on, Gene's brothers Frank, Alan, Scott, and Beaver (John) all joined the band. The band has played in Ohio, Pennsylvania, California, Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and throughout their home state of Wisconsin. Their music, the Maroszek Bros they have brought polka music to weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties, Oktoberfest's, Polish Festivals and of course our hometown Pulaski Polka Days. Furthermore, the band has played for church picnics, at a Green Bay Bullfrogs Baseball game, parking lots, fairgrounds, parades, in banquet halls, and even in a funeral procession to the gravesite of our mother.

In the 70's, The Maroszek Bros recorded regularly at Danceland Ballroom, The Stop Inn Ballroom and at WBAY - TV 2, on a show called "Polka Variety". And most recently performed nationally on Fox Sports for a Green Bay Packers football game.

In July 2022 Gene was inducted in to the World Concertina Congress Hall of Fame. In May of 2019, the Maroszek Bros were awarded with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of their efforts for promoting and performing Polka Music for over 45 years. The Maroszek Bros are the only band to have played at every Pulaski Polka Days. Because of this, they were granted the "Pulaski Polka Days Appreciation Award" in 2014. As a result, Wisconsin Governor, Scott Walker, declared, Sunday, July 20, 2014 "Maroszek Bros. Day" in recognition of their service for promoting Pulaski Polka Days and encouraging the next generation and the community to love their polish heritage and polka music. The Maroszek Bros. have released five recordings through the years. Their latest recording, "A Maroszek Bros. Christmas" was released on December 8, 2020.

Furthermore, in 2017, the Pulaski Historical Society featured the Maroszek Bros. and the entire Maroszek Family for three months by displaying newspaper articles, photos, recordings, and awards that demonstrated the family's dedication to polka music, their polish heritage and the community.

Finally, playing polka Masses brings us great joy. Playing at churches every summer is a way to praise and give thanks to God for the gifts we have all been given. By playing polka masses we hope that people who may not think they like polka music will see it as happy, toe-tapping, and prayerful music. We would like to thank Kimberly Uelmen for providing the lead vocals at our polka masses.

Currently the band consists - Gene, Frank, Scott, Al, Bruce Brzezowski and John Wudtke.

However, without a doubt our proudest accomplishment is the numerous family bands that have been established:

- The New Generation - Gene's sons Joe and Jeff

Also Joe and Jeff's sons - Jack and Luke are extremely interested in playing polka music and have made appearances with the Maroszek Bros and The New Generation. Also Jeff's daughter Ella has been singing and Levi playing drums and singing with both bands. Joe's daughter Anna has also sang with both bands recently.

- The Natural Talent (TNT)
Al's sons - Taylor and Alex
Scott's sons - Karter and Sam
Nephews - Adam and Mitch
- Live Wire - Frank's son Pat
- The Mix Scott's son Miles
Niece's son Zak
- Polish Sweethearts - an all-female band made up of our sister and nieces that played in the 80's
- Polka Horizons - a band made with our brother Ken and brother-in-law Duane Mijal
- Janet - Gene's wife also plays the concertina and daughter Katie plays the keyboard

Other bands include:

- Olivia Maro Music - Al's daughter sings and plays guitar at local clubs
- Ck Siblings - Scott's family - Miles, CeCee, Karter and Sam playing variety music

We hope you will enjoy our celebration on April 6