

POLKA POLICE



Carrying on in the tradition of great musical performers such as Lawrence Welk and AC/ DC, the Polka Police perform an eclectic mix of humorous, high-energy, polka-themed rock and roll. Mixing whatever they can get their ears on to make a fun dance party out of any event. Brothers, Sgt. Squeezebox and Lt. Lederhosen, make up the band. Sgt. Squeezebox leads the party with his blistering accordion playing, smooth lead vocals and crazy stage antics. Lt. Lederhosen keeps the party rocking with his deep groove making on the suitcase drum set. These four-time Omaha Entertainment and Arts Awards nominees are considered (by some) to be one of the top three accordion and suitcase drums polka-themed rock duos in the greater Omaha area. They have polked, rocked and shocked every audience including Oktoberfests, weddings, second weddings, punk rockers, hard rockers, soft rockers, rocking chairs and funerals. Recently, they have even learned to play a polka. Whether a house party or a stadium-sized rock festival, the Polka Police thrills any sized audience. The Polka Police are neither police nor a polka band but they can make your next event fun, memorable and entertaining.

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Busts

Since the Polka Police's first performance in 2012 they have busted over 250 shows in Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, Missouri, and Kansas. These shows have been in diverse contexts for all ages of people including concerts, Oktoberfests, weddings, festivals, fundraisers, colleges, funerals, art openings, political rallies, sporting events, and parties. The PoPo released a live recording, *'Grab Your Wiener, Let's Polka'* of wiretaps from 2016 busts. Brothers Jason and Jamie Burmeister are seasoned performers with over 30 years of experience each touring with various musical groups throughout the United States. This experience has allowed them to put together an exciting touring show with top quality professional musicianship, sound, and lighting. The most valuable thing the Burmeister brothers have learned through their touring experience is the value of entertainment. The Polka Police put all they have into entertaining their audience.

In addition to countless private parties, the Polka Police have busted many notable corporate clients, events and venues.

- Boys and Girls Club, Council Bluffs, IA
- City of Omaha, NE
- Creighton University, Omaha, NE
- German American Society, Omaha, NE
- Harlan Chamber of Commerce, Harlan, IA
- Iowa Rock'n Roll Hall of Fame, Arnolds Park, IA
- Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs, IA
- GermanFest Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN
- Lift Solutions, Omaha, NE
- Lincoln Marathon, Lincoln, NE
- Make-A-Wish Foundation, Omaha, NE
- Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, Norfolk, IA
- New Century Art Guild, Kimballton, IA
- Perkins County Area Arts Council, Grant, NE
- Remsen Oktoberfest, Remsen, IA
- Sioux City Conservatory of Music, Sioux City, IA
- Special Olympics, Council Bluffs, IA
- Spencer Chamber of Commerce, Spencer, IA
- University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE



Sgt. Squeezebox



Lt. Lederhosen



Audio Evidence



Video Evidence



Rap Sheet

The Burmeister brothers, Jamie and Jason, grew up on a pig farm on the banks of the Nishnabotna River in southwest Iowa. The boys grew up in the 80's wearing short-shorts, growing mullets and rocking to hair bands. However, accordion lessons and reruns of the Lawrence Welk Show skewed their ears and judgment. In fact, so much accordion pumping deformed their hands to the point that they cannot physically pick up guitars, bass



drums and other tools of normal rockers. Sadly, the boys are doomed to the ridicule of squeezing accordions and beating on suitcases. To make matters worse, an extremely rare double-headed synchronized swimming injury erased all musical taste and created extremely short attention spans. They will literally rock anything ... for a while. They go from AC/DC to a classic polka into Led Zeppelin to the Chicken Dance then into some top 40 thing – nothing is off limits. The accident also resulted in their alternate personalities – Sargent Squeezebox and Lieutenant Lederhosen. As part of their therapy they have been instructed to perform as the Polka Police at parties, festivals and other places of merriment. For the world's sake we all hope they get well soon.



Word on the Street

'... the "Polka Police," a **wildly animated** duo featuring an accordion playing "cop" and a drummer in a lederhosen getup proved most entertaining. Their suitcase kick drum added extra panache. "Lynyrd Skynyrd on an accordion," laughed Hunka. "**That's a first.**" He had a point, though they were **hilariously good.**' Tamera Schlueter, Hastings Tribune, 5-8-2014

'**A goofy fun time!**' - Q98.5 FM Pat & JT show, Jim Minge, OmahaDispatch.com, 1-7-2015

'If you're looking for unique entertainment you certainly get it with the Polka Police. Yes, they actually play music but the humor around it makes it **pure entertainment that you won't forget.**' – Psychic Suzanna, KFAB Radio, 8-12-2012

'My polka roots go back to the Six Fat Dutchmen playing on the John Deere Bandwagon on KEYC-TV in Mankato, MN. And, I've downloaded Ozzy's 'Crazy Train' – so I know what I am talking about. The Polka Police is the world's premier polka band covering your favorite music. If you get a chance – go see them! **I would travel anywhere to see them!**' – Dr. Phil Harrington, K-LaserUSA, 4-21-2013



'You might think that playing a suitcase as a kick-drum wouldn't **kick ass**...but it does. You might think that AC/DC and the Glenn Miller Orchestra are not kindred spirits...but they are. At least they are in the capable musical hands of the Polka Police. They fuse classic-rock standards with stein-waving German beer hall style polkas.

What a formula: an accordion playin' stripper cop (that doesn't actually strip) and a lederhosen-wearing drummer playing a suitcase kick-drum...I think a rubber chicken was also involved somehow. I would never have guessed that this was the **combination of sound and insanity** to get me on the dance floor for the first time in years!

This duo **rocked harder** than bands that contain many more members. I have had them play at several events and have them booked for my upcoming event. Their appearance is both quizzical and comical...but they are always entertaining. My event was busted by the Polka Police... busted by a serious polka-groove that is!' – Troy Muller, Art Director of New Century Art Guild, Kimballton, IA, 11-11-2013

'Dear Sgt. Squeezebox, Thank you so much for the **awesome entertainment** for the Tailgate Dinner! You and Lt. Lederhosen were awesome and everyone had so much fun! Thank you for helping with this wonderful outreach for our church and community!' Denise W. St. Paul Lutheran Church, Treynor, IA 10-17-2013

