

Press Release

Holy Toledo '19 Polka Days

Popular Polka Fest returns to Downtown Toledo in 2019

Toledo, OH, April 21, 2018: TOPOMO, LLC announced today, the return of Holy Toledo Polka Days, which is scheduled for April 5, 6 & 7, 2019. Holy Toledo '19 will be held at the Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel, located at 444 N Summit Street in Toledo, Ohio.

Holy Toledo Polka Days, which originated in 1992, has been one of the most popular Polka Festivals in the United States. The event had been held annually every April at the Quality Hotel & Conference in South Toledo through 2004, when the hotel proprietor sold the property to a church, the 2005 event was cancelled.

“At that time, the intention was to find a new venue and continue the festival in 2006. Never in my dreams did I think it would take 14 years to find a viable hotel/ballroom facility in Toledo to host the event.” said Joe Zalewski, founder of Holy Toledo Polka Days, “Everyone is going to love the Renaissance, this is a Marriott 4-Star Hotel with a 10,800 square foot Ballroom, located along the Maumee river in the heart of downtown Toledo. It's the perfect venue for this event.”

After 20 months and a \$31 million renovation, the Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel opened its doors in August 2017. The Renaissance, a completely smoke-free facility, celebrates the history, heritage, and culture of Toledo, known as the “Glass City”. Décor throughout includes items based on the M*A*S*H TV show, Willy's Jeep and Libbey Glass. Each of the 241 hotel rooms has mini-fridge, Keurig coffeemaker, free Wi-Fi and 55-inch flat-screen TV. Hotel amenities include 24-hour Room Service, The Heights –top floor rooftop Bar, The Brim House – modern American Restaurant and a 24-hour Fitness Center.



“I am beyond excited to finalize the plans for Holy Toledo '19. This event is going to attract polka fans from all over the USA and Canada,” commented Zalewski, “they will experience a revitalized downtown Toledo along with the best that polka music has to offer. We are going to kick off the 2019 polka festival season in a big way.”

2019, will mark just about 15 years to the day, since the last polka was played at Holy Toledo Polka Days and is the beginning of a new era with the dates already set for 2020 and 2021. Plans are underway to book the polka industry's top entertainers. The event schedule, band lineup, admission prices and hotel reservation information will be released within the next couple of weeks. For more information about Holy Toledo Polka Days, visit the website at www.holytoledopolkadays.com (currently under construction) or contact Joe Zalewski at 419-351-5031 or via email at joez@holytoledopolkadays.com