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25 Years Of POLKACIDE
"From The Mab To The Slab"**

**February 13, 2010
Bottom Of The Hill
www.polkacide.com**

San Francisco's only hardcore polka band is celebrating 25 years!
Beer, Dancing, Sweating, and Weiner Dogs! Opening act punk burlesque
gem

Kitten on the Keys on piano and vocals.

**The festivities will be held at San Francisco's best live music venue,
The Bottom Of the Hill, 1233 17th St, SF CA 94107 (415)621-4455**

**TICKETS: \$10.00 at the Door 21 and up
Advance Tickets Available Online:**

<http://www.bottomofthehill.com/tixinfo.html>

To View a YouTube clip of Polkacide

<http://tinyurl.com/yqh223>

**BIO - In 1985 Polkacide played its first gig at San Francisco's Punk Palace
The Mabuhay Gardens "AKA The Fab Mab". The band's original lineup included
14 people, most of whom had played with local punk and or art-noise bands
including Flipper, Rova Saxophone Quartet, Bad Posture, Tragic Mulatto, and
the Geeks. The band had been assembled to play a party for the San Francisco
Club For The Deaf, a club for the local deaf community. For some time the
Deaf Club had hosted Punk Shows in its Valencia Street apartment/office. The
punks got a venue, the deaf folks got some income from the punks and music
loud enough for them to feel.**

**In the fall of 1984, the club was planning a party for it's members and
wanted a band which played loud enough to be felt- enabling dancing-but
which didn't look, "too weird". A local promoter contacted by the Deaf Club
was kicking the idea around with some friends when one of them said
jokingly, "how about a polka band"?, and one thing led to another.**

Bandleader Ward Abronski gathered some traditional polka arrangements, contacted friend's from local bands, organized some rehearsals, and Polkacide was born. The band had so much fun rehearsing that when the Deaf Club opted to have a picnic rather than a dance, the newly minted, "polka punks" decided to have a show anyway.

In these last 25 years, Polkacide has played clubs, festivals events, weddings, funerals, performed with a truly eclectic variety of bands including Sun Ra, and has been featured in national and international media. (People Magazine, Interview, SPIN, Nash Bridges Soundtrack and videogame Escape From Lego Island.) What began in irony has developed into one of the wildest, loudest, goofiest dance bands the Bay Area has ever produced. Larger waistlines and higher hairlines maybe in evidence on stage, but so are the tightness of arrangements and level of musicianship which come from 25 years of playing together. They may be knocking on heaven's door, but these old farts can still take over a room and whip an audience into a beery dancing sweaty mob. See them now before they all end up in the Home For Broken Down Polka Geezers.

NOTE:

According to a ruling by a New York State Court, polka dancing is an, "inherently dangerous activity". Guests are urged to bear this in mind when planning their evenings wardrobe. Steel toed boots are recommended.

CALENDAR LISTINGS: Live Music and Dancing

WHAT: 25 Years Of Polkacide "From The Mab To the Slab"
San Francisco's Only Hardcore Polka Band
Opening Band: Kitten On The Keys

WHEN: February 13, 2010 10PM

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To View a YouTube clip of Polkacide:

<http://tinyurl.com/yhh223>

To View A YouTube Clip of Kitten on the Keys:

<http://www.tinyurl.com.au/x.php?1omv>