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On behalf of the International Polka Association Board of Trustees and Hall of Fame Committee, the IPA Officers and Directors are proud to announce the 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees as well as the 2019 Music Award winners.

The IPA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, September 5, 2020, at the Millennium Hotel in Buffalo, New York. Congratulations to all award winners and inductees!

Prominent living candidates and at least one deceased candidate, who have made outstanding contributions toward the advancement of the polka music industry, are inducted into the Polka Music Hall of Fame each year. An academy of 195 qualified electors from across the country select the Hall of Fame inductees and Music Award recipients.

The Board of Trustees also selects at least one outstanding candidate for induction into the "Pioneer" category. The Trustees will be voting on this candidate(s) in the next two weeks and the IPA will announce the results as soon as possible.

2020 POLKA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

LIVING CATEGORY:

Bill Shibilski (NY)
David Zychowski (PA)
Rick Rzeszutko (IL)

DECEASED CATEGORY:

Tony (Krew) Krupski (NY)

2019 MUSIC AWARD RECIPIENTS

Favorite Polish Style Female Vocalist – **Stacey Morris**
Favorite Polish Style Male Vocalist – **John Gora**
Favorite Polish Style Album – **My Polish Roots & Beyond - John Gora and Gorale'**
Favorite Polish Style Song – **Walentyna - John Gora and Gorale'**
Favorite Polish Style Band – **John Gora and Gorale'**
Favorite International Style Female Vocalist – **Lynn Marie Hrovat-Rodick**
Favorite International Style Male Vocalist – **Ted Lange**
Favorite International Style Album – **Smiles are Made Out of Sunshine – Gary's Ridgeland Dutchman**
Favorite International Style Song – **Snuggle with Me Polka – Gary's Ridgeland Dutchman**
Favorite International Style Band – **Squeezebox**

Sincerely,

Christy Krawisz

PRESIDENT

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