

Wisconsin Polka Creators



Vic Paulson | concept and lyrics

Wisconsin Polka creator Victor Paulson was born on a farm just north of Dodgeville, WI on February 17, 1911. Vic spent his early years attending a one-room grade school in remote Hollandale, WI, and developing a career in farming with his father. After graduating from Hollandale High School in 1930, Vic went on to marry for his first and only time to his wife Catherine who, together with her son David, would continue to farm with Victor in Southwest Wisconsin. After a move to Evansville, Vic's career path landed him at the GM plant in Janesville, where he retired from in 1973.

It was in retirement that Vic began to hone his artistic skills, building doll houses and decorative outhouses. Having lost his eyesight several years back, Vic's attention turned to the radio, where he frequently listens to Wisconsin Badger and Green Bay Packer football games. Combining his interest in sports radio with his Norwegian heritage, Victor was struck with the inspiration to write the lyrics to the Wisconsin Polka.

Victor currently resides in Monroe, WI.

Available on-stage and at www.mikeschneiderband.com | The Wisconsin Polka benefiting Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

Mike Schneider | music

Mike Schneider, 25, of Brown Deer, WI has been playing the accordion since his elementary school days. The youngest musician to ever be named to the Wisconsin Polka Hall of Fame, he once played on the Food Network and at Summerfest in 1999. It was JC from NSync's birthday, and the Summerfest organizers brought Mike over to play "Happy Birthday" polka style at the Marcus Amphitheater – Milwaukee's largest outdoor music pavilion. Mike has also appeared numerous times on Reitman & Mueller and Amy Taylor, too, on 94.5 WKTI in Milwaukee, and DJs for "Polka Parade" on AM 1340 WJYI. Go to www.mikeschneiderband.com to learn more.

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