

Aaron Socha



Photo by Tyler Gajewski

I live in the Village of Suamico WI, with my Wife Missy and three kids, Hayden, Hailey and Harrison. I work for a utility company as a Start-up and Commissioning technician.

I play mostly concertina and a little saxophone with the band, as well as a little keyboard on our rock tunes. Once in a while I get to sing a few songs, but it's hard when you have a bunch of guys with great voices in the band.

When I was a kid I spent many days and nights at picnics, and taverns listening to my Cousin Gary Gracyalny play with his band. I started filling in with his band on saxophone in high school and eventually learned a few songs on his concertina before forming my own band.

I started this band in 1996 as Polish Power. We were a 3 member band consisting of myself, Rick Maroszek and several fill in Bass players along the way. Our first job was in the shadows of Lambeau Field parking lot for a Packer tailgate pregame party in the fall of 1996. In 1998, we added

members Brian Smith on accordion, Rick Buechler on bass, Pat and Dale Maroszek on horns. As our venues and our genre grew, we changed our name to LIVEwire in 2000. We received more and more requests to play rock and country songs at wedding and bar jobs, so it was a natural fit to have my talented wife Missy join us on the keyboard. We added and lost a few members along the way but our core band has always remained strong. Hard to believe that Arthur Gajewski has been with us for 10yrs already and is only 25! It's the consistency of players and friendships that makes our band strong and standing the test of time.

I love playing the polish tunes and could play them all night long. Unfortunately not everyone feels the same. With this being said, we started incorporating cover tunes by throwing them in the "Old Polka Juke Box" and came up with tunes such as "Don't Close Your Eyes", "Land Down Under" and "Dynamite" to the polka beat. These songs really keep the younger crowd involved and exposed to Polka music.