## Steve Rock's Tanzkapelle

## **HISTORY**

Steve Rock began his Denver based German band in 1979. Steve lives in Arvada, Colorado. Steve plays the accordion and his two sisters, Dolly (Rock) Kiessling and Theresa (Rock) Reed, alternate time as the drummer. They have been band members for more than 25 years. Mike White is the band's trumpet player with more than 35 years of experience performing in bands.

The band's name, Tanzkapelle, translated means "dance band" and was chosen when the band made its first studio recording. Although their earliest performances were for receptions and public dances with a good variety of dance music, their German heritage has provided a Bavarian twist that makes them a popular group during Oktoberfest time. The band's 2nd studio recorded CD and tape are a collection of the bands favorite dance music of all types.

The Oktoberfest season starts at the end of August with a trip to Rapid City, SD. for the Summerfest in the large German Tent at the Central States Fair. The band has performed for many years at Larimar Square (Denver) and for over 30 years at the Denver Kickers Sport Club (Golden).

A popular attraction is the band's performances with the Denver Kickers Bavarian Schuhplattlers. The Schuhplattlers, dressed in the traditional Bavarian outfits, are a dance group that specializes in Bavarian dancing, high kicking, knee slapping and foot stomping performances. The Schuhplattlers are a great addition to any event, with their colorful performance and audience participation dances.

You can dance to the music of the Tanzkapelle at the Denver Kickers Sport Club in Golden, <a href="https://www.denverkickers.com">www.denverkickers.com</a>. The Denver Kickers Club is a soccer club that promotes the German heritage by holding German dances the second Saturday of almost every month.