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The Belleville Outfit to Take the Stage at Happy Days Lodge

Brecksville, Ohio – On Saturday, April 10, the Austin, Texas-based sextet *The Belleville Outfit*, will perform at Happy Days Lodge as part of the park’s Heritage Concert series. The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by Akron Community Foundation, Cable 9, Residence Inn by Marriott, Ohio Arts Council, WKSU 89.7 FM, and the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation.

Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that weekend’s show by calling (330) 657-2909 or stopping at Park Place in Peninsula. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Series prices: \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12. All concerts are held at Happy Days Lodge and begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7 p.m.

“Mix hot-saucy Texas honky-tonk, city-slicker indie pop, jam-grass mischief, cool jazz, and big-band swing, and you’ve about half-described this hot Austin band ...” is how the *Boston Globe* describes the musical adventure of *The Belleville Outfit*. Even band member Phoebe Hunt shares, “The only music that hasn’t influenced us is the music we haven’t heard.” Phoebe (violin, vocals) is joined by bandmates Rob Teter (guitar, vocals), Connor Forsyth (piano, vocals), Jeff Brown (bass), Marshall Hood (guitar, vocals), and Jonathan Konya (drums).

With a tight, seamless sound, a mix of gypsy swing, big band, jazz, country, and cross-genre Americana roots music, original songs and clever covers, the astonishing six-piece belies the 20-something ages of its members and its vast experience garnered swiftly after its union around *Merlefest 2007* in Wilkesboro, N.C. In fact, in its first two years, the band played for more than 15,000 people; sold out

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shows throughout Texas and along the East Coast; shared stages with the likes of Lyle Lovett, *Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder*, *Nitty Gritty Dirt Band*, *The Del McCoury Band*, and Mark O'Connor; and recorded a full-length debut album, *Wanderin'*, (February 2008), which reached #10 on the Americana album chart. The band has since released their second album, *Time to Stand*.

Upcoming Concerts

Saturday, April 17 **Corinne West and Kelly Joe Phelps: folk /blues singer songwriter and guitar**
Saturday, May 15 **Mountain Rose Spring Concert: Bluegrass and Folk**
Friday, May 21 **Dala: Canadian folk duo**

Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula 44264, 1 mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and special event rentals. For more information on rentals, call CVNPA at (330) 657-2909 ext. 119.

CVNPA is a nonprofit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit www.cvnpa.org or call (330) 657-2909.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information about the park, visit www.nps.gov/cuva/ or www.dayinthevalley.com/ or call (330) 657-2752 or (800) 445-9667.

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