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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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### Darlings of Canadian Folk Scene Wrap up Heritage Series in CVNP

**Brecksville, Ohio** – On Friday, May 21, Canadian folk duo *Dala* will take to the stage at Happy Days Lodge to wrap up this season'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, InnPlace Suites, Ohio Arts Council, WKSU 89.7 FM, and the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation.

General seating admission is \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday, May 21 by calling (330) 657-2909 or stopping at Park Place in Peninsula. The concert is held at Happy Days Lodge and begins at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Amanda Walther and Sheila Carabine of *Dala* (the duo's name was formed by combining the two last letters of each artist's name) have come a long way in a short time. The two best friends, who met in their high school music class and wrote their first song together in 2002, and are now poised to bring their fresh brand of acoustic folk-pop music to the world.

Drawing upon influences like *The Beatles*, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, and Bob Dylan, *Dala* write songs that are both catchy and insightful. Amanda's ethereal soprano voice blends seamlessly with Sheila's velvety alto, creating the lush harmonies that have become their trademark. The *Peterborough Examiner* says, "*Dala* can sing! What beautiful flights of melody and harmony, reminiscent of the *Everly Brothers*, the *Louvin Brothers*, Emmylou Harris and associates; though *Dala* can trade a melody line and leave one wondering who is taking the lead and simply leave one behind when the harmonies kick in."

The sheer joy with which they perform is infectious, turning first-time listeners into instant fans. *Dala* has toured across Canada six times and is no stranger to the festival scene. They have performed at The Edmonton Folk Festival, The Winnipeg Folk Festival, and Mariposa. In 2009, they were the only Canadian act invited to play at the 50th Anniversary of the Newport Folk Festival.

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*Dala's* new album, *Everyone Is Someone*, was released in June of 2009 to critical acclaim. It earned them their fifth *Canadian Folk Music Award* nomination, and *The Irish Post* touted it as the *Album of the Year*. The song "Horses", which speaks to the heartbreak and hope of a young man dealing with disability, was nominated by National Public Radio in the U.S. as one of the top ten folk songs of 2009. In early 2010, *Dala* filmed a PBS special called *Girls From The North Country*, which is set to be aired later this year.

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](http://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/](http://www.nps.gov/cuva/) or [www.dayinthevalley.com/](http://www.dayinthevalley.com/) or call (330) 657-2752 or (800) 445-9667.

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