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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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### **Celtic Music Meets African Rhythms When Baka Beyond Takes Stage** *Music of amazing band inspired by the Baka Pygmy Hunters of the Cameroon Rainforest*

**Brecksville, Ohio** – World Music quintet, *Baka Beyond* presents Celtic music and African rhythms when they take the stage at 8 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2011, at Happy Days Lodge in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). Doors open at 7 p.m. The concert is a part of the Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, celebrating the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by Courtyard Marriott-Akron/Stow, 89.7 WKSU, Lloyd L. & Louise K. Smith Foundation, and Cable 9.

Admission is \$17 adults, \$12 Conservancy 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, located at 1593 Main Street, in Peninsula 44264. 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: \$45 adults, \$30 Conservancy members, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12.

*Baka Beyond* was founded by Martin Cradick (co-founder of Outback) in 1990 after a 3-month visit to Cameroon with singer wife Su Hart. There they began a lifelong musical friendship with a group of Baka Pygmy hunter-gatherers deep in the rain forest. The trip inspired the award winning debut album *Spirit of the Forest* in 1993, which helped to define the term “World Music” and pushed *Baka Beyond* into worldwide recognition.

Since the release of the groundbreaking *Spirit of the Forest* in 1993, *Baka Beyond* has evolved into a dynamic, multi-cultural, live show which has played all over the world. From Brazil to Alaska, Norway to Spain, audiences have been enthralled by haunting Celtic harmony singing, drawn into the Cameroon rainforest by traditional forest yodelling (Yelli), and danced their socks off to irresistible African rhythms.

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The touring core, based in UK, hails from Nigeria, Ghana, Congo, Cornwall, Wales, and Northumberland. Together they create a unique and vibrant sound that fuses delicate guitar lines with African rhythms and heavyweight Congolese bass. Mix in some stunning vocals and a positive message of global unity and indigenous rights and you have a stage show second to none. Audiences emerge inspired and energized.

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 the Conservancy at 330-657-2909 ext. 119.

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park 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 the Conservancy and its membership program, visit [www.conservancyforcvnp.org](http://www.conservancyforcvnp.org) or call 330-657-2909.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit [www.nps.gov/cuva](http://www.nps.gov/cuva) or [www.dayinthevalley.com](http://www.dayinthevalley.com) or call 330-657-2752 or 800-257-9477.

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