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Alaska's *Bearfoot* to Entertain Audiences in Valley

Brecksville, Ohio - On Saturday, May 2, Alaskan Bluegrass band *Bearfoot* performs at Happy Days Lodge in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The concert begins at 8 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m. 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. This series is supported by Cable 9, Residence Inn by Marriott, Windstream Yellow Pages, and WKSU 89.7 FM.

Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. General seating. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great concerts for one low price: \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, \$15 children ages 3 - 12. Advance ticket sales are available by calling (330) 657-2909 or by stopping in at Park Place in Peninsula.

A mere two years after their initial meeting as camp counselors, *Bearfoot* earned one of roots music's most prestigious awards – *Telluride Bluegrass Band Champions* – an honor they share with artists like the *Dixie Chicks* and *Nickel Creek*. Now, after years of national touring at top theaters and festivals, *Bearfoot* joins these iconic pop peers, with the broad horizon of the Americana frontier in their souls.

Bearfoot is deeply American music. Airy Northern ballads are tempered by back-alley Southern blues, while jazz stomp meets Appalachian breakdown; the whole fused with a signature sexy bluegrass passion. Boasting five distinctive lead voices, the group showcases a remarkable breadth of rich, original songs. The rhythmic bounce and precision of their instrumentation is fiery and inventive, with a focus on blend, harmony, and tone. *Bearfoot* is sophisticated, vital music.

Bearfoot's talents come from Kate Hamre (acoustic bass), Mike Mickelson (guitar), Jason Norris (mandolin), Angela Oudean (fiddle), and newest member Odessa Jorgensen (vocals/fiddle).

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Other Series Performers

Saturday, May 9

Mountain Rose Spring Concert

Playing hammered dulcimer, guitar, and fiddle, Lisa and Heather Malyuk start the evening off with original jigs and reels, bittersweet waltzes, driving international rhythms, and fashioned hymns. Next onstage is a round robin set featuring Michigan-based *Yellow Room Gang* members Jim Bizer and Rod and Annie Capps. These talented singer-songwriters are known for their humor, rootsy vibe, a touch of twang, and soulful groove. Also appearing will be Mountain Rose poet Merle Mollenkopf. For more information and tickets, visit www.mountainroseconcerts.org or call (330) 733-8845 or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909. Admission: \$15 (door), \$12 (advance), and \$7.50 children ages 3 - 12.

Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula, 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 (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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