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Young Irish Supergroup to Play Happy Days Stage

Brecksville, Ohio – On Saturday, March 6, *Beoga*, hailed by the *Wall Street Journal* as “the most exciting new traditional band to emerge from Ireland this century,” 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.

Beoga, Irish word for ‘lively’, is based in County Antrim, in the north of Ireland. The bedrock of their sound lies firmly within the Irish tradition. However, they are not afraid to incorporate other genres’ nuances into their music. From bluesy riffs to Astor Piazzola-style jazz, to a raunchy New Orleans jamboree vibe, their music always returns to a wonderfully bouncy traditional sound. The result is traditional, with a huge sense of fun and adventure and it all works - wonderfully well. *The Irish Times* states, “Individually talented and collectively inspired, (*Beoga*) speak a language called music with a fluency beloved of the best multi-linguists.”

Beoga is world music, made in Ireland and the release of their 2009 album *The Incident* has seen the supergroup continue to blaze a pioneering trail, rewarding fans with their fresh creative energy and

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seducing a diverse array of music lovers. The string of accolades from the music industry say it best, “Beoga are at the forefront of the Irish new wave,” *Irish Music Magazine* concludes. “Simply thrilling, an auditory high-wire act without a net,” writes *Irish Philadelphia*. “Riveting,” says the *Wall Street Journal*.

Band members include Seán Óg Graham (button accordion, guitar), Eamon Murray (bodhrán, percussion), Liam Bradley (piano), Damian McKee (button accordion), and Niamh Dunne (Vocals, Fiddle).

Upcoming Concerts

- Friday, March 19* **The David Munnely Band: Irish**
- Saturday, April 10* **The Belleville Outfit: honky-tonk, jazz, swing**
- 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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