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Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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Duo Play Enchanting Holiday Music and More on Dulcimer and Bass

Folk icon Pete Seeger called Tina Bergmann “The best hammered dulcimer player I’ve heard in my life.”

Brecksville, Ohio – On Friday, December 4, 2015, enjoy a holiday concert featuring local duo Tina Bergmann and Bryan Thomas. The pair will take the Happy Days Lodge stage in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) as part of the Heritage Concert Series. This series, presented by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley and is made possible thanks to the generous support of Cable 9 Television and Cascade Auto Group.

Join us when doors open to purchase light meal options featuring soups, snacks, and sweets. Prepared by Conservancy Canteen, hot soups highlight seasonal ingredients and are paired with local, handcrafted alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Single concert admission: \$17 adults, \$12 Conservancy members, \$5 children ages 3 - 12. Happy Days Lodge. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and concert begins at 8 p.m. General seating.

On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 440-546-5998 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations. All concerts are held at Happy Days Lodge.

Create your own subscription series and enjoy any three Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! Three-concert series: \$45 adults, \$30 Conservancy members, \$15 children ages 3 - 12. No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Advance sales available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links.

Tina and Bryan create an engaging holiday concert of traditional seasonal music, American fiddle tunes and waltzes, string band rags and Celtic jigs and reels, with a sprinkling of South American gems and the

occasional Classical piece thrown in for good measure. With their playful and relaxed stage presence they create an entertaining and memorable program ideal for any music lover.

Tina is a primarily self-taught musician of 27 years and a highly regarded teacher known for her warm and engaging teaching style. Teaching her first workshop at age 12, Tina went on to establish a thriving private studio while instructing and performing at festivals and camps throughout the country. Promoted as the "Diva of the Dulcimer" by Apollo's Fire, Cleveland's nationally known Baroque Orchestra, Tina is known for her driving energy and syncopated rhythms and was described by Pete Seeger as "the best hammered dulcimer player I've heard in my life."

Bryan Thomas is a versatile bassist with an active teaching schedule, and performs as a free-lance musician throughout northeast Ohio. He is the double bass instructor at Kent State University's Hugh A. Glauser School of Music and also teaches in the jazz program of the Metro Campus of Cuyahoga Community College. He plays many different styles of music, and, most notably, has studied Cuban music and dance in the Escuela Nacional de Arte in Havana, Cuba.

Other Scheduled Heritage Series Concerts

Wednesday, December 9

Danú: Féile na Nollag: Traditional Irish Holiday Show

Happy Days Lodge is located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (SR 303), 1 mile west of SR 8, Peninsula 44264.

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 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 or call 330-657-2752.

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