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Concert By Great Lakes Songwriter Commemorates War of 1812

Lee Murdock featured in Lyceum Lecture Series Finale for Concert with Historic Theme

Brecksville, Ohio – Internationally acclaimed singer and historian Lee Murdock will commemorate the Bicentennial of the Battle of Lake Erie, when he takes the stage at Happy Days Lodge to wrap up the park's Lyceum Lecture Series on Friday, May 17, 2013. Doors open at 6 p.m. General Seating. The word "lyceum" has roots in ancient Greek, and became the name of the school where Aristotle taught. At Cuyahoga Valley National Park, we use it to describe our lecture series featuring national speakers and is presented by CVNP and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Admission is \$6 adults and \$3 children ages 3 - 12. Advanced sales are available by calling 330-657-2909. On lecture days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Lee Murdock has uncovered a boundless body of music and stories of the Great Lakes with themes of hard word, hard living, ships that go down, and ships that come in.

In his latest recording, *Here We'll Stand: The War of 1812 and the Struggle that Forged Two Nations*, Murdock's music is centered on the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, a struggle between the young United States and Great Britain for the riches of North America. Caught in the middle were native peoples, whose land and culture were forever changing with the influx of settlers from the cities of the east coast. American land speculators looked longingly north of the border to the fertile lands of Upper Canada, now the province of Ontario, to continue the "American experiment of democracy."

Murdock's songs speak of stories of battle, struggle, heroes, leadership, and ultimately, the resulting two hundred years of peace between two countries with the longest unfortified boundary between them.

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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 for Cuyahoga Valley National Park at 330-657-2909 ext. 119.

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.

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.

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