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Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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Cuyahoga Valley Presents Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole

Forget about the cold by heating up with Cajun, Creole and Zydeco music

Brecksville, Ohio – Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) is pleased to announce Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole, a Cajun, Creole, and Zydeco band, will take your mind of the winter weather at Happy Days Lodge, on Saturday, March 15, 2014. The concert begins at 8 p.m. 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 89.7 FM (WKSU), Cable 9 Television, Courtyard by Marriott of Akron/Stow, the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and Time Warner Cable.

Admission is \$17 adults, \$12 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 - 12. General seating.

Advance sales are available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at

www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links. On concert 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.

One of the brightest young talents to emerge in Cajun, Creole, and Zydeco (Louisiana French) music over the last decade, Cedric Watson is a four-time Grammy-nominated fiddler, singer, accordionist & songwriter with seemingly unlimited potential.

With an apparently bottomless repertoire of songs at his fingertips, Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole, play everything from forgotten Creole melodies and obscure Dennis McGee reels to more modern Cajun and Zydeco songs, even occasionally throwing in a bluegrass fiddle tune or an old string band number. Unlike many of his contemporaries, Cedric is also a prolific songwriter, writing almost all of his songs on his double row Hohner accordion. His songs channel his diverse ancestry (African, French, Native American and Spanish) to create his own brand of sounds.

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Other Scheduled Heritage Series Concerts

Saturday, March 29 Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass - Bluegrass
Saturday, April 5 Frank Vignola and Vinny Raniolo - Jazz Guitar
Friday, April 11 The Boxcar Lilies - Folk, Bluegrass, Country, and Gospel
Saturday, April 26 Eric Noden and Joe Filisko - Blues
Friday, May 2 Lonesome Highway - Bluegrass

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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