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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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### Award-winning Irish Band to Play in Cuyahoga Valley

**Brecksville, Ohio** – Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) is pleased to welcome Philadelphia-based Irish band Runa to the stage at Happy Days Lodge on Friday, March 7, 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 Courtyard Marriott-Akron/Stow, Lloyd L. & Louise K. Smith Foundation, and Cable 9.

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](http://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.

Runa draws on the diverse musical backgrounds of its band members and offers a contemporary and refreshing approach to traditional and more recently composed Celtic material. Through their repertoire of both highly energetic and graceful, acoustic melodies, along with their fusion of music from Ireland, Scotland, Canada, and the United States, this vocal and instrumental ensemble gives its arrangements of traditional songs and tunes a fresh sound.

Runa consists of vocalist and step-dancer, Shannon Lambert-Ryan of Philadelphia, Dublin-born guitarist, Fionán de Barra, Cheryl Prashker of Canada on percussion, Dave Curley on mandolin, vocals, bodhrán, and step-dancing, and Maggie Estes of Kentucky on the fiddle. Runa was recently recognized on an international level in the Irish Music Awards for 2013, winning Top Group and Top Traditional Group in a Pub, Festival, or Concert, and a nomination for Best Female Vocalist (2013 and 2012).

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Other Scheduled Heritage Series Concerts:

Saturday, March 15	Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole – Cajun and Creole
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](http://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](http://www.nps.gov/cuva) or call 330-657-2752.

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