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Date Change For April Verch Band

Brecksville, Ohio - The *April Verch Band* concert originally scheduled for Friday, October 10 has been changed to **Saturday, October 11** at 8 p.m. at Happy Days Lodge in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). 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. This series is sponsored by the Ohio Arts Council and receives promotional support from WKSU 89.7 FM and Windstream Yellow Pages.

Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. General seating. 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, \$15 children 3 - 12. Advance ticket sales are available by calling (330) 657-2909 or by stopping in at Park Place in Peninsula and Trail Mix stores.

Series Performers

Friday, September 5

Eilen Jewell

Boston-based artist Eilen Jewell puts her own beautiful stamp on old country, folk, and blues. Reaction to Eilen's music was swift following her debut in 2005. Many compared her talents to those of Lucinda Williams, Gillian Welch, and June Carter Cash. Eilen has a heart-achingly hushed style and intimate grasp of roots music's wild graces. She and her band adeptly evoke the classic feel of old-style genres without overdosing on nostalgia. Come early and celebrate WKSU's FolkAlley.com 5th Birthday! The party starts at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments, cake, prizes, and live entertainment.

Friday, September 19

Bodega

Bodega is a young five-piece band drawn from the highlands and islands of Scotland. The band formed in 2005 while all five members were attending The National Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music. After winning the BBC Radio2 Young Folk Band award for their debut CD, the band has been quickly garnering acclaim and fans. The band includes Gillian Chalmers (pipes, fiddle, and whistle), Ross Couper (fiddle), Tia Files (guitar), Norrie MacIver (vocal, accordion, guitar, and djembe), and June Naylor (clarsach and piano).

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Saturday, October 11

April Verch Band

Canadian performer April Verch is widely known for the pure energy that infuses both her fiddling and step dancing and also for more subtle things –her confident, winsome singing, the finely detailed elegance of her fiddle phrasing, and the depth of her repertoire. April and her band range through material from Americana mainstays Buddy and Julie Miller to simple country songs and rollicking tunes from her native Ottawa Valley to sparkling original instrumentals.

Saturday, October 25

John Jorgenson Quintet

The *John Jorgenson Quintet* features guitarist John Jorgenson, whose past groups include the *Desert Rose Band*, the *Hellecasters*, and Elton John's band. Audiences are dazzled by John's mastery of guitar, clarinet, and voice. Whether playing his own accessible compositions or classic standards, John and his band make music that is romantic and ecstatic, played with virtuosity and soul. John is one of the pioneers of the American gypsy jazz movement, sought by artists ranging from Barbra Streisand to Bonnie Raitt to Earl Scruggs for his guitar playing. Recently John Jorgenson was chosen to portray Django Reinhardt in the feature film *Head in the Clouds*.

Saturday, November 1

The Lovell Sisters

The Lovell Sisters weave tight harmonies with an innovative fusion of country, folk, and contemporary acoustic music. All classically trained on piano and violin, sisters Jessica, Megan, and Rebecca strayed from their classical roots to pursue the instrumentation and improvisation of traditional music. *The Lovell Sisters'* classic and original tunes feature a youthful vigor, vast creativity, and a wide variety of musical influences employing dobro, guitar, and mandolin.

Saturday, November 22

Mountain Rose: Eric Noden and Ann & Phil Case

Deeply rooted in the music of 1920s and 1930s blues pioneers, Eric Noden's percussive guitar work, timeless songwriting, and well-traveled blues vocals have earned the respect of audiences, critics, and musicians worldwide. *Ann & Phil Case* specialize in old-time Appalachian duets, parlor songs, Depression-era tunes, early country blues, and ragtime. For more information and tickets, visit www.mountainroseconcerts.org or call (330) 733-8845, or contact CVNPA at (330) 657-2909. Admission: \$15 (door), \$12 (advance), and \$7.50 children ages 3 - 12. *Not available as part of a subscription series.*

Friday, December 12

Tina Bergmann and Bryan Thomas

Tina Bergmann, a virtuoso hammered dulcimer performer and recording artist, is known for her driving energy and syncopated rhythms. Bryan Thomas, an accomplished and versatile double bassist, joins his wife Tina to present an evening of holiday music, traditional, and folk tunes.

Thursday, December 18

Celtic Christmas Special: Cherish the Ladies

For nearly two decades, the name of a time-honored Irish traditional jig has become equally well known as the name for one of the most engaging ensembles in Irish music: *Cherish the Ladies*. They

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have grown from a one-time concert concept to an Irish traditional music sensation, literally the most successful and sought after Irish-American group in Celtic music history. With their unique spectacular blend of instrumental talents, beautiful vocals, captivating arrangements, and stunning step dancing, this powerhouse group combines all the facets of Irish traditional culture and puts it forth in an immensely humorous and entertaining package. **Admission: \$25 adults, \$22 CVNPA members, \$10 children 3 - 12.** *This concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Not available as part of a subscription series.*

Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula, 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 (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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