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Watch Out, Coming Through! – GiveWay to Perform in Valley

Brecksville, Ohio - On Friday, March 27, the Scottish band *GiveWay* performs at Happy Days Lodge in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The concert begins at 8 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m. 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. The Akron Area Arts Alliance, Cable 9, Residence Inn by Marriott, Windstream Yellow Pages, WKSU 89.7 FM, and the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation support this series.

Admission is \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. General seating. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great concerts for one low price: \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, \$15 children ages 3 - 12. Advance ticket sales are available by calling (330) 657-2909 or by stopping in at Park Place in Peninsula.

In Scotland, “give way” means “watch out, coming through!” and this is just what you should be doing when it comes to this band. This young group comprises four sisters: Fiona Johnson (fiddle, guitar, piano, whistle, and vocals), Kirsty Johnson (piano, accordion, and vocals), Amy Johnson (drums and accordion), and Mairi Johnson (piano, bass, and vocals). The band mixes Scottish traditional and folk music with energetic lively jigs, folk-jazz, modern songs, and haunting airs. This mix highlights the band’s very new brand of music from Scotland.

From an early age, music was at the heart of all the sisters did. Fiona started playing the fiddle at five, Kirsty picked up an accordion at four, Amy began with the accordion at five, and then decided to play the drums at thirteen, and Mairi was keyboarding at six. In the years since the sisters formed their own band, *GiveWay* has won awards at the acclaimed Scottish music festival, Celtic Connections, and the *BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award*.

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Other Series Performers

Saturday, April 25

Shout Sister Shout

Rachael Davis and the boys from *Steppin' In It* discovered a common taste in jazz music after playing concerts as a double bill. "The quintet is a tribute to the smoky, sophisticated sound of 1930s and '40s jazz, with plenty of influence from Cole Porter, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, the *Nat King Cole Trio*, and Sarah Vaughan, and it's a trip to hear Davis channel those old greats. Of course, it doesn't hurt to have a bunch of guys playing the hell out of vintage instruments as backup," says the *Metro Times* in Detroit.

Saturday, May 2

Bearfoot

Telluride band contest winner, *Bearfoot*, features twin fiddles, fast-picking mandolin and guitar, upright bass, and beautiful harmony vocals. Their fresh approach to bluegrass and acoustic music ranges from evocative three-part harmonies to original songs and bluesy covers of contemporary tunes. *Bearfoot's* exuberant stage presence elicits an appeal that bridges generations. Their music nods to the wilds of their native Alaska, conjuring images of rural string band musicians. However, like most restless frontiersmen, *Bearfoot* doesn't stop there. In its simple elegance, their music ventures beyond into new, exciting territory.

Saturday, May 9

Mountain Rose Spring Concert

Lisa and Heather Malyuk start the evening playing original jigs and reels, bittersweet waltzes, driving international rhythms, and fashioned hymns, on hammered dulcimer, guitar, and fiddle. Next onstage is Michigan-based *Yellow Room Gang* members Jim Bizer, and Rod and Annie Capps, with a round-robin set. We know these talented singer-songwriters for their humor, rootsy vibe, a touch of twang, and soulful groove. Also appearing will be Mountain Rose poet Merle Mollenkopf. For more information and tickets, visit www.mountainroseconcerts.org or call (330) 733-8845 or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909. Admission: \$15 (door), \$12 (advance), and \$7.50 children ages 3 - 12.

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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