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Blues Man Harry Manx Performs in the Valley!

Brecksville, Ohio - On Friday, October 16, blues performer Harry Manx brings his unique style to the stage 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 series is sponsored by Akron Community Foundation, Cable 9, Residence Inn by Marriott, Ohio Arts Council, and WKSU 89.7 FM, and the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation.

Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that weekend's show; call (330) 657-2909 or stop by Park Place in Peninsula. You can 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, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12.

“Mysticssippi” blues man Harry Manx has been called an essential link between the music of East and West, creating musical short stories that wed the tradition of the blues with the depth of classical Indian ragas. He has created a unique sound that is hard to forget and deliciously addictive to listen to. Manx is a prolific artist, releasing seven albums in a six-year span. His first album, *Dog My Cat*, captured the attention of new fans, musical peers, and media with favorable reviews and awards, including Best Blues Album of the Year from the Canadian Independent Music Association. Each album that follows seems to imply that the surface is barely being scratched and there is much more to come from this amazing musician.

Born on the Isle of Man, Manx spent his childhood in Canada and left in his teens to live in Europe, Japan, India, and Brazil. He honed his hypnotic live show on street corners, in cafes, bars and at festivals. However, it was Indian music that captured Manx and in the mid 80s he began his five-year tutelage with Rajasthani Indian musician Vishwa Mohan Bhatt (Grammy winner with Ry Cooder for *A Meeting by the River*). He also received the gift of Bhatt's custom-made, self-designed Mohan veena—a 20-stringed sitar/guitar—that was the catalyst for Harry to forge a new path with his now signature east-meets-west style of music.

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Other Series Performers

Friday, October 23

The Infamous Stringdusters

The Infamous Stringdusters is a band of six musicians poised at the point where youthful energy is balanced with maturity, inspiration with discipline, and creativity with experience—exactly the sweet spot where the greats have made their most lasting marks. Schooled in bluegrass tradition yet able to stretch out in jam-band style improvisation, endowed with razor-sharp vocals, fiery instrumental abilities, and a rapidly growing repertoire of well-crafted original songs and tunes, *The Infamous Stringdusters* are the freshest addition to the bluegrass scene in years.

Saturday, November 21

Pine Leaf Boys

Louisiana's two-time Grammy nominated *Pine Leaf Boys* has made a name by presenting their own brand of Cajun music with youthful exuberance. Known for their wild shows and thoughtful arrangements, the *Pine Leaf Boys* have breathed new life into Cajun music. Described as "the link that connects the young and the old generations," the *Pine Leaf Boys* play both the old-fashioned dance hall standards and the more obscure songs of past masters with gusto.

Friday, December 4

The Belleville Outfit

"Mix hot-saucy Texas honky-tonk, city-slicker indie pop, jam-grass mischief, cool jazz and big-band swing, and you've about half-described this hot Austin band..." says *The Boston Globe* when describing *The Belleville Outfit*. Their energetic, sassy sound comes from the combined inspiration of six young musicians with talent beyond their years. Band members include Rob Teter (guitar, vocals), Connor Forsyth (piano), Jonathan Konya (drums, vocals), Jeff Brown (bass, vocals), Marshall Hood (guitar, vocals), and Phoebe Hunt (violin, vocals).

Saturday, December 12

Téada's Irish Christmas in America

Produced by Oisín Mac Diarmada of legendary Irish group, *Téada*, this show also features Téada's Damien Stenson on flute, Seán McElwain on guitar and Tristan Rosenstock on Bodhrán. A photographic slide show with engaging narrative brings a rich historical context. Adding richness to the performance is the magic of special guests Gráinne Hambly on Irish harp, Tommy Martin on uilleann pipes, singer and accordion player Séamus Begley, and Sean-Nós dancer Brian Cunningham. Mingling ancient traditions with the contemporary artistry of some of Ireland's finest performers, this enchanting show brings the spirit of Christmas on a distinctively Irish journey throughout America. Admission: \$23 adults, \$18 CVNPA members, \$10 children 3 - 12. *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 (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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