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Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series Returns for Another Great Season!

Brecksville, Ohio – This Fall, the Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series returns with performances at Happy Days Lodge in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Concerts begin 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.

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.

Scheduled Concerts

Friday, September 4

The Dixie Bee-Liners

Named Bluegrass Artist of the Year by the Roots Music Association, *The Dixie Bee-Liners* are known for their high-octane harmonies and stunningly beautiful original songs. After creating quite a buzz with their award-winning album, *Ripe*, the band's six members found they were quickly winning over fans of pop and country music, as well as diehard lovers of traditional bluegrass. The sextet features Brandi Hart (vocals and guitar), Buddy Woodward (vocals, mandolin, guitar, banjo, and bass), Rachel Renee Johnson (fiddle and vocals), Jonathan Maness (guitar, mandolin, and vocals), Sam Morrow (banjo), and Jeremy Darrow (upright bass and vocals).

Friday, September 18

Guy Mendilow Band

Led by Israeli composer/performer Guy Mendilow, this spirited quintet breaks down musical boundaries with an inventive blend of Israeli and Sephardi with Bahian street beats and blues. Featuring world-class musicians from Israel, Argentina, Japan, and the United States, the band performs in Hebrew, Arabic, Ladino, Portuguese, and English and skillfully fuses tradition with a contemporary sound. Alongside lush vocal harmonies, woodwinds, and strings, the *Guy Mendilow Band* creates intricate textures with berimbaus, percussion, jaw harps, and Mendilow's award winning overtone singing.

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Friday, October 16

Harry Manx

“Mysticissippi” 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.

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 have made a name for presenting its own brand of Cajun music with youthful exuberance. Hailing from the southwest Louisiana, the *Pine Leaf Boys*, known for their wild shows and thoughtful arrangements, have breathed new life into Cajun music, reviving ancient songs and bringing them to the bandstand. Being described as, "... the link that connects the young and the old generations," and, "the best new, energetic, and fun Cajun band in a very long time," the *Pine Leaf Boys* play the old fashion dance hall standards while making a priority to bring many of the more obscure songs of past masters into their repertoire and play them 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.*

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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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