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Audience Favorite Returns When *The Infamous Stringdusters* Take the Stage in Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Brecksville, Ohio - On Friday, October 23, the hot, young, bluegrass band, *The Infamous Stringdusters*, 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 series is sponsored by Akron Community Foundation, Cable 9, Residence Inn by Marriott, Ohio Arts Council, 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.

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.

When the group first emerged in 2007 there were immediate accolades—IBMA awards and a chart-topping debut record. But the group—Andy Hall (Dobro), Andy Falco (guitar), Chris Pandolfi (banjo), Jeremy Garrett (fiddle), Jesse Cobb (mandolin), and Travis Book (upright bass)—was viewed as a collection of Nashville's most sought after young guns getting together for a super jam.

Now after spending nearly 200 days on the road together for the past three years, *The Infamous Stringdusters* have become a “band” in the truest sense of the word. It has taken hard work and determination on a range of stages from Telluride and the Ryman to city clubs and European cafes,

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however, the group has turned a corner. This is no longer just an outlet to showcase individual instrumental wizardry. Instead, the six members have become a single musical entity focused on original material and a collective spontaneity that makes each live performance completely unique.

Other Series Performers

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

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 call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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