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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day Weekend with Traditional Irish Music

Brecksville, Ohio – On Friday, March 19, the traditional Irish group, *The David Munnelly Band*, will add a day to the local St. Patrick's Day festivities when they perform at Happy Days Lodge as part of the park's Heritage Concert series. 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.

General seating admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that weekend's show by calling (330) 657-2909 or stopping at 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. All concerts are held at Happy Days Lodge and begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Started by Irish button accordion player David Munnelly, who's toured and recorded with *The Chieftains*, and with DeDanann, *The David Munnelly Band* is one of the hottest bands on the traditional Celtic music scene. With members from Mayo, Dublin, Donegal, and Tyrone the exciting quintet combines button accordion, fiddle, guitar, mandolin, banjo, piano, bodhrán, and flute for a high-spirited instrumental sound colored with a bit of jazz and ragtime, and the extraordinary singing of All-Ireland champion Shauna Mullin.

Called "The Irish band to see" by *Irish Voice*, The David Munnelly Band has won special acclaim for incorporating the sound of the 1920s and 1930s and bands from that era, such as the *Flanagan Brothers*, with its traditional roots. The band was also awarded "Concert of the Year" honors for both 2006 and 2007 by LiveIreland.com.

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Upcoming Concerts

Saturday, April 10 **The Belleville Outfit: honky-tonk, jazz, swing**
Saturday, April 17 **Corinne West and Kelly Joe Phelps: folk /blues singer songwriter and guitar**
Saturday, May 15 **Mountain Rose Spring Concert: Bluegrass and Folk**
Friday, May 21 **Dala: Canadian folk duo**

Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula 44264, 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 (330) 657-2752 or (800) 445-9667.

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