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Music in the Meadow ***FREE Summer Outdoor Concerts***

Brecksville, Ohio - Grab a blanket and a picnic dinner, and bring your family to hear FREE music in the national park! The celebration begins with lawn games and activities for families and friends. Bring a Frisbee or a kite! The concert series is presented by Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) with promotional support by AudioTechnica. Alcohol prohibited. Howe Meadow. Activities begin at 5:30 p.m. Concerts begin at 6:30. In the event of severe weather, the concert will be canceled.

CVNPA is offering delicious "order ahead" picnic dinners with beverage for \$10 adults and \$5 children. To see our menu and find out how to place an order, visit www.cvnpa.org. Additional snacks and beverages are available for purchase at the event.

Wednesday, July 15

HeartBEAT Afrika

Experience *HeartBEAT Afrika's* style of percussion using trashcans, buckets, African drums, conventional drums, and rhythms played by feet, body, and hands. This ensemble performs street and traditional African percussion, song, storytelling, theatre, and dance to preserve traditional African music in America.

Wednesday, July 22

Mo' Mojo

Zydeco music is all about energy and heat - and *Mo' Mojo* has plenty of both! The band's music adds Cajun melodies to blues sounds from throughout the south, combining French-style accordion, danceable drum beats, rock-solid bass guitar, blazing electric guitar, and the ever-popular rub board.

Wednesday, July 29

Hey Mavis

Soulful, haunting, and mischievous, the songs of *Hey Mavis* vividly depict the human condition. Practicing, writing, and recording amidst the beauty of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, *Hey Mavis* strives to redefine the boundaries of old-time and modern folk music.

Wednesday, August 5

Sammy De Leon Latin Jazz Orchestra

Sammy De Leon and his *Latin Jazz Orchestra* have put a combination of traditional salsa rhythms together with a more aggressive and progressive style. This combination enables the band's music to delight not just the Salsa, Merengue, Mambo, and Latin Jazz music lovers, but also other listeners of other music genres.

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Wednesday, August 19

Carlos Jones & the P.L.U.S Band

Carlos Jones & the P.L.U.S. Band delivers a dose of soulful roots reggae with infectious rhythms woven by the group's use of percussion instruments. Their repertoire includes many original songs, plus a generous helping of Bob Marley, *Culture*, and other recognizable covers mixed in with traditional Rastafarian Nyabinghi drum chants.

Howe Meadow is located at 4040 Riverview Road in Cuyahoga Falls, 4 miles south of State Route 303.

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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