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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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### Canadian Fiddler Stepdances onto Happy Days Stage

**Brecksville, Ohio** - On Saturday, March 8, fiddler April Verch and her band take to the Happy Days stage as part of the Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series. Beginning at 8 p.m., the concert will be held at Happy Days Lodge in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). 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. This series is sponsored by the Kulas Foundation and receives promotional support from WKSU 89.7 FM. Admission: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. General seating. Advance ticket sales are available by calling (330) 657-2909. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Experiencing an April Verch show is like hopping a supersonic freight train from an old lumber camp in northern Ontario, across the wide open prairie, through the Appalachians, down the Mississippi to the Louisiana Bayou, across the sea to Brazil, France, the Scottish Highlands and back, with stops at Carnegie Hall and church thrown in for good measure. An April Verch concert is equal parts invigorating, surprising, heartbreaking, heartwarming, haunting, charming, thrilling, foot-stomping, faith restoring, and smile inducing — all in all, utterly unforgettable. It's a musical journey you do not want to miss, one that will have you entranced from start to finish, and ultimately not wanting to get off that train that you hopped on just two hours earlier.

A performer since early childhood, April Verch spent a year of intensive study at Boston's Berklee School of Music (under Matt Glaser and Darol Anger). She then launched her professional career by winning the Canadian Grand Masters Fiddle Champion and the Canadian Open Fiddle Champion titles (the first and only woman to win both). April has released seven albums, including her 2001 Rounder Records release, *Verchusosity*, which earned a JUNO nomination (the Canadian equivalent to a Grammy) for best roots/traditional album.

Joining April Verch are band members Cody Walters (bass), Lincoln Meyers (guitar), and Marc Bru (percussion).

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To obtain a digital image of *The Juggernaut Jug Band*, contact Karen Kopchak at karen\_kopchak@nps.gov or (330) 650-0741.

### **Other Series Concerts**

*Saturday, March 15*

**\*Cathie Ryan**, Irish

*Saturday, April 12*

**\*Four Shillings Short**, trad. Irish, Indian Ragas, Medieval and Renaissance

*Friday, April 25*

**The McDades**, Canadian roots music, jazz inflected celtic

*Friday, May 2*

**Mamadou Diabate**, world music, Malian cora player

\* indicates these events have special pricing and are not available as part of a subscription package.

Create your own subscription series and enjoy three great concerts for one low price. No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged until ten days before the concert. \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, \$15 children 3 - 12. For more information about the subscriber series, call (330) 657-2909.

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, in partnership with the National Park Service and CVNP, provides innovative education programs and fosters community support and enjoyment of the park. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit [www.cvnpa.org](http://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/](http://www.nps.gov/cuva/) or [www.dayinthevalley.com/](http://www.dayinthevalley.com/) or call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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