



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Cuyahoga Valley
National Park

15610 Vaughn Road
Brecksville OH 44141

www.nps.gov/cuva
www.dayinthevalley.com

Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

For Immediate Release - Tuesday, March 6, 2008

Mary Pat Doorley, (440) 546-5995, cell (440) 343-7355, or mary_pat_doorley@nps.gov

Celebrate St. Pat's with Celtic Music by Cathie Ryan

Brecksville, Ohio - On Saturday, March 15, Irish American singer Cathie Ryan and her trio 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.

Irish American Cathie Ryan, with her crystalline vocals and insightful songwriting, is an original and distinctive voice in Celtic music. Since her acclaimed seven year tenure as lead singer of *Cherish the Ladies*, the Detroit born Ryan has established herself as one of Celtic Music's most popular and enduring singer-songwriters. *The Boston Globe* recently wrote, "Cathie Ryan is a thrilling traditional vocalist whose honey-pure soprano is equally at home on probing original ballads about a woman's place in the modern world."

Cathie has released 4 critically acclaimed CDs on Shanachie Records: *Cathie Ryan, The Music of What Happens, Somewhere Along the Road*, and her latest *The Farthest Wave*. She is featured on more than forty compilations of Celtic Music.

Cathie is a captivating and deeply affecting performer. "There is nothing like a live show, being with an audience, sharing the music. That is the best part of being a singer and writing songs," she says. She has built a loyal following throughout Europe and North America by touring steadily and singing "songs of the heart." At a live performance *The Irish Echo* observed, "Cathie Ryan certainly knows how to communicate with her audience. And what she communicates through song are the enduring values of home, family, memory, and spirit..."

To obtain a digital image of Cathie Ryan contact Karen Kopchak at karen_kopchak@nps.gov or (330) 650-0741.

-more-

Other Series Concerts

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

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 kora player

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

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 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.

-NPS-