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Singers Bring Fresh Take On Country to Cuyahoga Valley

Brecksville, Ohio - On Friday, December 4, *The Sweetback Sisters* will perform at Happy Days Lodge in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) as part of the Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series. 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; call (330) 657-2909 or stop by Park Place in Peninsula.

Like their pseudo-sister role models, the *Davis Sisters*, *The Sweetback Sisters* sing country, honky-tonk, and swing songs in close, surrogate-sister harmony, and matching dresses. Their repertoire combines several of the Sisters' passions—country music from before they were born and new interpretations of those traditions—to create a fresh take on what it means to be country. *The Sweetback Sisters* line-up features the lavish voices of Zara Bode and Emily Miller joined by an all-star cast of instrumentalists including: West Virginian triple threat Jesse Milnes; Stefan Amidon on drums; Philly's stringed slayer Ross Bellenoit on rippin' Telecaster, and the newest *Sweetback Sister*, Bridget Kearney on bass.

Note: The band previously scheduled for December 4, The Belleville Outfit, is rescheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2010, Happy Days Lodge, at 8 p.m.

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.

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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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