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Cuyahoga Valley National Park Unveils Winter/Spring Concert Series

Acclaimed bluegrass band, Mountain Heart, will open series at Happy Days Lodge

Brecksville, Ohio – Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park are pleased to announce their winter/spring 2012 Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Concert Series line-up. The series celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley and opens with bluegrass band *Mountain Heart* on **Saturday, January 14**. The series is sponsored by 89.7 WKSU, Cable 9, Courtyard Marriott of Akron/Stow, and the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation.

Admission, unless otherwise noted: \$17 adults, \$12 Conservancy members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on the Friday for that weekend's show by calling 330-657-2909. 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: \$45 adults, \$30 Conservancy 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., unless otherwise stated.

On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Mountain Heart is the band that has been fearlessly revolutionizing the way acoustic music can be presented and played. The band's name has been synonymous with cutting-edge excellence in acoustic music circles since the group's creation in 1999. Widely known throughout the music industry for continually redefining the boundaries of acoustic music, the band has gained legions of loyal fans both as a result of their superlative musicianship, and more notably, their incomparably exciting live performances. *Mountain Heart's* musical virtuosity, unmatched energy, and keen sense of entertainment dynamics have helped them to forge a highly unique sound, and stage show, which appeals to an incredibly wide variety of musical tastes.

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Additional Series Concerts:

Saturday, January 28

Dala – Award-winning Canadian singer/songwriter duo

Friday, February 17

Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem – Americana string quartet

Friday, February 24

Harmonia – traditional folk music of Eastern Europe

Saturday, March 3

The Paul McKenna Band – contemporary approach to traditional music of Scotland and Ireland

Saturday, March 10

Sunpie & Matt with Mo Mojo – Zydeco music by NPS Park Rangers and Ohio-based band

Friday, March 23

The Frank Vignola Duo – jazz guitar virtuoso

Saturday, April 14

Galant, tu perds ton temps – traditional Quebecois folk traditions by female a cappella quintet with percussionist and foot-tapper

Friday, April 20

Eric Noden and Joe Filisko – early blues and roots styles and songs of 1920s and 1930s

Friday, May 11

Music in Your Pocket: A Harmonica Lesson with Hal Walker – includes short performance by Hal Walker. Fee: \$5 all attendees. Bring your own 10-hole harmonica in the key of C, or purchase one on site for an additional \$5. *Special Time: This program will be held 7 - 8:30 p.m.*

Friday, May 18

Atwater-Donnelly – traditional American and Celtic folk music and dance, and poetry.

More information on this concert series can be found at www.nps.gov/cuva/planyourvisit/cultural-arts.htm.

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park 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 the Conservancy and its membership program, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2909.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or www.dayinthevalley.com or call 330-657-2752 or 800-257-9477.

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