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**CUYAHOGA VALLEY SCENIC RAILROAD CANCELS
REMAINING THE POLAR EXPRESS™ TRAIN RIDES BEGINNING NOVEMBER 19**

Peninsula, OH, November 18, 2020 – Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) has decided to cancel all remaining THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Rides for the remainder of the season beginning Thursday, November 19.

THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Rides began Friday, November 6 and were to run through Sunday, December 20. CVSR will issue refunds to all passengers who purchased advance tickets from Thursday, November 19 through December 20. Customers will also have the option to donate the value of their tickets back to CVSR or request a gift card for the value of the tickets.

This decision has been made in the interest of public safety due to the increase in COVID-19 cases.

“As we look to an uncertain future with respect to this situation, CVSR must make this decision now,” said CVSR President and CEO Joe Mazur. “THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride is one of Northeast Ohio’s most treasured holiday traditions. However, the health and wellbeing of our customers, volunteers, community and staff come first.”

After a seven-month hiatus earlier this year CVSR returned to the rails October 1 with the popular Fall Flyer excursions then rolled right into THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Rides.

“Like everyone, the National Park Service was delighted to see and hear Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad operating in the valley this fall,” said Cuyahoga Valley National Park Superintendent Craig Kenkel. “We understand and support their decision and look forward to a better time in 2021 when CVSR is again rolling on the tracks and serving park visitors.”

CVSR is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) and THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride is the largest fundraiser for the organization and the cancellation represents a notable financial loss. Donations to offset this financial loss can be made online at <https://www.cvsr.org/annual-fund/>.

About Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR has been providing excursion rail service for more than 40 years. For more information about the railroad, visit cvsr.org.

About THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride

Official THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Rides are licensed by Rail Events Inc. on behalf of Warner Bros. Consumer Products, Inc. Since 2007, Rail Events Inc. has held exclusive license to operate THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Rides in the US, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

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