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July 29, 2009

EVENT DATE: AUGUST 13-16, 2009

Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival

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For Detailed Up-to-Date Festival Information, Visit www.DanEmmettFestival.org

22nd Annual Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival Announces Lineup

MOUNT VERNON – The 2009 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival will be held in the streets of downtown Mount Vernon August 13th – 16th, marking the 22nd year for the event. Named for Dan Emmett, the author of “Dixie”, the Festival's mission is “Celebrate the Legacy” of his life and career by presenting a varied format of performing and creative artists to Festival goers.

The Festival will begin on Thursday with the 4-day Homemades & Trades Show with local merchants, vendors, and crafters displaying their wares. Senior citizens are invited to spend “A Day on The Square” with special entertainment beginning at lunchtime with the Mount Vernon Players Youth Showcase taking to the stage. The afternoon will be filled with activities and music for our honored seniors. The evening theme will be “**Dance to the Oldies**” featuring The Caffiends at 7:00 p.m. - and then rock ‘n rollers of all time will rock the stage when *Phil Dirt and the Dozers* step on at 8:30 p.m.

Friday’s theme is “**Hollywood!**”. The evening begins with the Festival debut of KnoxSquares, a tribute to Paul Lynde of Hollywood Squares fame. Then some of the most talented youth of Knox County will take the stage to compete for the title of **Knox Idol**. The 2009 title award will be presented to the audiences choice at evenings end. In addition, the three day **Fine Arts & Craft Fair** opens featuring well known artisans, selected by a jury of their peers to assure the quality and originality of the arts products.

Saturday’s Festival theme will be “**Art, Bluegrass, Rock, and More**” for a fun filled day in Downtown Mount Vernon. The afternoon will feature area bluegrass performers and the traditional fiddle, banjo, and flat pickin’ guitar contests. Later in the afternoon, many local singers will share their vocal talent with the crowd. Remembrances of the civil war era will begin with a flag honor guard to raise the flag on the Square at 10:30 am. Saturday will also feature a Civil War Era Ball for the civil war buffs.

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A living history exhibit and demonstrations will fill the afternoon at Emmett's home. At 5:30 p.m., the Dan Emmett Dedication Ceremony will be held on the Square in honor of his contributions to American music. And finally, at 9:30 p.m., **Sonny Geraci and The Outsiders** will grace the stage to entertain young and old alike. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Sonny Geraci has been in the music business for nearly all his life. He is one of few musicians to have top selling hits with two bands – Climax and The Outsiders.

Children activities this year will include a bouncing inflatable playland, Veggies tales (Sunday), performances by dance students and karate kids, the Cheer Competition, the Knox Idol Contest, and many other fun things.

On Sunday, the Festival will feature the theme "**Arts, Crafts, Gospel, & More.**" Kids activities continue with 3 separate shows featuring Veggie Tales at ThePlace@TheWoodward. The cars will line the street to participate in the **Antique and Classic Car Show**. The new **Motorcycle Show and Cruisin'** will be held on Sunday at the same time as the Car Show. The registration for these two shows is from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They are open to the general public from Noon to 4:00 p.m. with an awards presentation for the favorites at 4:00 p.m. Kokosing River Surf Club will play throughout the shows. Also featured on the First-Knox South Stage will be the best in praise and pure gospel music during "**Gospel Sunday**".

The Festival runs August 13th-16th in Downtown Mount Vernon with various activities each day. Preferred seating is available for a modest fee for those wishing guaranteed seating to **Sonny Geraci and The Outsiders** concert.

For general information, contact the Festival at (740) 392-FEST (3378). For detailed scheduling information, visit the Festival website at www.DanEmmettFestival.org . The 2009 Dan Emmett Music & Art Festival is made possible by the generous contributions of Ariel, First-Knox National Bank, Time Warner Cable.

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THANK YOU!

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MEDIA RELEASES FOR 2009 DAN EMMETT MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

Thursday - August 13th thru Sunday - August 16th, 2009

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All of the following news releases and photo downloads are available on our detailed website

Summary

1. **Basic Overall News Release** - Intro announcing line up (this news release)

Main Topics & Headliners

2. ***Sonny Geraci and The Outsiders*** Ticket Sales - Saturday
3. ***Sonny Geraci and The Outsiders*** Headliner – Saturday
4. **Phil Dirt and the Dozers** Headliner – Thursday
5. **KnoxSquares** Debuts at Festival - Friday
6. **Knox Idol** Competition - Friday
7. Dan Emmett Dedication Ceremony - Saturday
8. VeggieTales for the Kids – Sunday

Special Events

9. **Festival Bell Auction** – Saturday Night
10. **Special Auction** Items Announced - Saturday
11. **Friends of the Festival** Campaign
12. **A Day on the Square – for Seniors** – Thursday

Shows & Tours, Contests and Competitions

13. **Antique and Classic Car Show** - Sunday
14. **Arts and Crafts Show – 3 Days**
15. **Arts and Crafts Show – Free Booth for local artists**
16. Banjo, Fiddle, Flat Pickin Guitar Contest – Saturday
17. **Cheer** Competition - Saturday
18. Civil War & **Living History** – Saturday & Sunday
19. **Homemades & Trades** Show – All 4 days
20. **New Motorcycle Show** - Sunday
21. **UPI 5 Mile Run & Walk** - Saturday
22. **Woodward Opera House** Historic Tours – Saturday & Sunday

Facilities

23. **Food** Concessions - All 4 days
24. **Street Closings** during the Festival
25. **Handicap Accessible Parking** during the festival
26. **Shuttle Bus** - Available on Saturday only

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Entertainment Specialties – “The Essence of the Festival”

27. Gospel Sunday - Sunday
28. A Song, A Dance, and A Karate Kick
29. Always Sweet, and Nothin' Flat
30. Apple Valley Singers to Perform at Festival
31. Big Drama in Mount Vernon
32. Local Gems to Perform at Emmett Festival
33. Autumn Daze
34. Bound for Glory
35. Caffiends
36. Chautauqua
37. Harmony Brothers
38. New Covenant
39. Studios & Teachers