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Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival

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Geraci and Depot featured Festival Auction Items

MOUNT VERNON - The 2009 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival will be auctioning a special exclusive hand painted portrait collage at this year's event. The portrait collage was designed and painted by Ron Dawson, a well known entertainment collage artist. The portrait collage features several thematic icons from the era of Sonny Geraci and The Outsiders plus Climax, including the image of Sonny. The painting will be personally signed by Sonny Geraci. Other items for auction will be announced at a later time and on display at the Festival.

The Festival auction will be held at the 2009 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival on Saturday, August 15th from the First-Knox Main Stage on the Square at approximately 8:00 p.m. preceding the live concert by Sonny Geraci and The Outsiders.

Twelve bells are cast and auctioned each year to create a series of annual Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival Bells. The bells are individually cast, are unique, and year specific. They are cast to resemble the 2003 Knox County Ohio Bicentennial Bell and the 2005 Mount Vernon Bicentennial Bell.

This year, the eighth in a series of Bells will feature a beautiful etching of the historic B&O Depot. Each handcrafted Bell is 8" tall, individually numbered by grading, and will be provided with a certificate of authenticity. The Bells and the other auction items will become great collectors' pieces.

Highlights of this year's Festival will include performances by Sonny Geraci and The Outsiders, Phil Dirt & The Dozers, a wide variety of local musicians such as Kokosing River Surf Club, Autumn Daze, Mount Vernon Heritage Singers, KnoxSquares, Knox Idol, as well as the popular Chautauqua program, a new motorcycle show, the antique & classic car show, all with a wide variety of delicious foods for your tasting pleasure.

The 2009 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival runs August 13th – 16th in Downtown Mount Vernon with various activities each day. The 2009 Festival is made possible through the contributions of Ariel, First-Knox National Bank, Time Warner Cable, WMVO, Eagle 93, WNZR, I-Conn Video Productions, Mount Vernon News, the Knox Partnership for Arts & Culture, and the Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau. For additional information, contact the Festival at (740) 392-FEST (3378) or email at director@DanEmmettFestival.org.

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