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Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival

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Dan Emmett Festival Announces Fiddle, Banjo, and Guitar Contest

MOUNT VERNON – Dan Emmett, author of “Dixie”, was well known for his banjo and fiddle playing ability. It is to his musical talent that the Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival is dedicated. In honor of our musical icon, the Festival is again hosting a Banjo, Fiddle, & Flat Pickin’ Guitar Contest on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at the First-Knox Main Stage.

The Fiddle Contest will begin at 11:00 am with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and floating 4th place prizes for each of the four categories: (1) Ages 11 and under, (2) Ages 12-19, (3) Ages 20-54/ Open Class, (4) Ages 55 and over. The banjo contest will begin at 12:30 pm with 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes for each of the two categories: (1) Ages 17 and under, (2) Ages 18 and over. The Flat Pickin’ Guitar Contest is scheduled for 2:15 pm with 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes for each of the three categories: (1) Ages 12 and under, (2) Ages 13-19, and (3) Ages 20 and over.

Contest-ready players of all ages are invited to register and perform on Saturday, August 15, 2009. Four to six minutes are allotted to each performer to dazzle the judges with skill and showmanship. Each contest has different rules for performances. Contestant registration will be open until the schedule is full. Those interested in applying will find the contest registration forms on the web at www.DanEmmettFestival.org or at Festival Headquarters at 107 South Main Street in Mount Vernon. For additional assistance call (740) 694-1792 or (740) 392-3378.

In addition to the Banjo, Fiddle, & Flat Pickin’ Guitar Contests, highlights of the Festival this year include performances by Sonny Geraci and the Outsiders, Phil Dirt and the Dozers, and a wide variety of other local musicians and performers. A Homemades & Trades Show, a juried fine arts and crafts fair, Knox Idol, a flower show, a quilt show, and an antique & classic car show are also scheduled as part of the four day Festival.

The 2009 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival runs August 13th-16th in Downtown Mount Vernon with various activities each day. For detailed scheduling information, visit the Festival website at www.DanEmmettFestival.org. The 2009 Festival is made possible through the contributions from Ariel and First-Knox National Bank. For additional information, contact the Festival at (740) 392-FEST (3378) or email at director@DanEmmettFestival.org.

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