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Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival

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Local High Schools Provide Talent for Music Festival

MOUNT VERNON – As the 2009 Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival is drawing near and the list of entertainment is lined up, one can see the talent pouring from the local high schools. From Thursday, August 13th to Sunday, August 16th everyone is welcome to come and experience the musical, artistic, and athletic talent from our local high schoolers.

On Thursday, the day's festivities kick off with the Mount Vernon Players Youth Showcase emceed by BryAnne and Morgan Groom at Noon on the Square. This gives local youth the opportunity to perform vocally, instrumentally, poetically or through dance. The band "On a Thursday" made up of Andrew Clarkson, Johnson Cochran, Michael Murray, and Taylor Dallas of Mount Vernon High School will be performing at 1:30 pm on the Square. Their music encompasses songs from the 60s, now and various points in between. Another band "Grizzly Riot Group" consists of talented high schoolers performing at 5:00 pm on the First-Knox South Stage.

Friday starts with the Mount Vernon Players Youth Showcase at Noon, Rachael Aust singing at 6:00 pm, and BryAnne Groom at 6:30 pm, all on the South Stage. The evening ends with the competitive Knox Idol with youth singers ranging ages 14 to 29. The competition will begin at 9:00 pm on the First-Knox Main Stage.

Saturday will feature a Fiddle, Banjo, and Flat Pick Guitar contest with contestants of all ages, on Main Stage, at 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 2:00 pm respectively. Logan Jacklin will showcase her classical ballet talent at 1:30 pm in ThePlace@TheWoodward. The third and final Mount Vernon Players Youth Showcase will begin at 2:00 pm on the South Stage. Dustin Miller is scheduled to play his guitar at 2:30 pm in ThePlace@TheWoodward. Erin Bell will perform at 4:30 pm on the South Stage. The 4th annual Cheer Competition held at the First Knox Center Stage at 5:00 pm will highlight local high schools.

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On Sunday, Kinsey Crow will help to close out the celebration of music and art with her vocal performance at 3:00 pm.

Other highlights of this year's Festival will include performances by Sonny Geraci of The Outsiders, Phil Dirt and the Dozers, Knox Squares, the annual bell auction, a flower show, a quilt show, and the annual antique & classic car show, a new motorcycle show, all with a wide variety of delicious foods.

The 2009 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival runs August 13th – 16th in Downtown Mount Vernon with various activities each day. For additional information, contact the Festival at (740) 392-FEST (3378) or by email to director@DanEmmettFestival.org. Additional information of the Festival can be found on the web at www.DanEmmettFestival.org.

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