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Sonny Geraci to Perform at Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival

MOUNT VERNON – The Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival is pleased to announce **Sonny Geraci** will be performing at the 2009 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival on Saturday evening, August 15th.

Sonny Geraci is proclaimed by many as the most versatile singer and performer in the business today. Sonny first exploded on the scene as the original lead vocalist with The Outsiders® who hailed from "The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame City" Cleveland, Ohio. The Outsiders® recorded for Capitol® Records, turning out four Top 40 hits: "Time Won't Let Me", "Respectable (What Kind of Girl is This)", "Girl In Love" and "Help Me Girl" which was arranged by Chuck Mangione.

Sonny was a street kid, growing up in Cleveland to the music of Motown®, the British invasion and all the music that came before. When Sonny sings Bobby Darin, you can close your eyes and it's Bobby. He touches on Do-Wop, Sinatra and even a medley of Jimmy Webb classics.

Sonny Geraci's biggest hit song was "Precious & Few". As lead vocalist of his group Climax, the million selling hits that were written exclusively for Sonny, "Rock & Roll Heaven" and "Bend Me, Shape Me" he performs live, as well as a tribute in a "Rock & Roll Heaven" medley: from Elvis, Bobby Darin, Buddy Holly, the Beatles, Ritchie Valens and Jim Morrison, which earns him standing ovations where ever he appears.

Along with Sonny's group, the stage presence, the comedy, the musicianship and of course the great music itself, performed by one of the original artists of the music, makes for a truly entertaining evening.

Reserved seating for the Sonny Geraci performance is available. The reserved area is preferred, up close seating, available on a first come first serve basis. The cost will be \$20 per seat. Tickets are available from the Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau, 107 South Main Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, by phone at (740) 392-3378 or Toll Free at 1-800-837-5282. Advanced purchase is recommended to guarantee seating. Advanced reservations require prepayment. You may also email your request from the Festival website at www.DanEmmettFestival.org (available after June 1st). Space for bring-your-own-chair seating is available behind the reserved seating at no charge.

Highlights of this year's Festival will include performances by a wide variety of musicians and performers, a juried Arts & Crafts Fair, the Homemades & Trades Show, the Knox Idol competition, a cheer competition, various civil war era re-enactment activities, a flower show, a quilt show, the annual antique & classic car show and 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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