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**Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival**

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## **Big Drama in Mount Vernon**

MOUNT VERNON – Knowing the impact of drama in a small town, the Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival continues to interweave theatrical arts into the festivities planned. The 2009 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival runs Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. This year, there will be several creative, unique, and innovative theatrical performances throughout the planned events for the Festival.

After a stunning production of “The Wizard of Oz”, Bruce Jacklin is once again gathering local actors to put on a series of one-act plays for the Festival. This is a new addition to the Festival, and one that is highly anticipated. On Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> Bruce Jacklin & Company will have the opportunity to “break a leg” for Knox County. Three different performances are scheduled at ThePlace@TheWoodward, beginning at 1:00 pm, 3:30 pm, and 5:00 pm. Seating is limited, so plan to arrive early to find a good seat.

As an attempt to incorporate history into America’s social life, the Chautauqua was introduced and became popular in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Although a rise in other home entertainment such as radio and television caused a dwindling in the Chautauqua popularity, there has been a movement in the past decade to bring that part of history back into our culture. In the past two years, Mike Petee has been an essential part of bringing this piece of history back to Mount Vernon.

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Performances by John Brown, Clement Vallandigham, and Buddy Holly are scheduled at ThePlace@TheWoodward at 111 South Main Street. John Brown is said to have started the Civil War when he attacked Harper's Ferry. Clement Vallandigham interviewed John Brown when he was captured at Harper's Ferry, made a famous speech in the square of Mount Vernon where he denounced "King Lincoln," was arrested and exiled and ran for Ohio Governor in absentia. Both men met, both men had Ohio connections, and both spent time in Mount Vernon. The Brown and Vallandigham Chautauqua will be on Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Buddy Holly was an American singer and songwriter who popularized Rock and Roll in the country. Although his success was cut short by a fatal plane crash, he was named one of the most highly influential musicians of all time. The Buddy Holly Chautauqua will be on Friday, August 14, 2009 at 8:30 pm.

Other festivities include performances by Sonny Geraci of the Outsiders, Phil Dirt and the Dozers, as well as a wide variety of local musicians and performers, Knox Squares, the Knox Idol competition, a Homemades and Trades show, a Juried Arts and Crafts show, a quilt show, a flower show, a motorcycle show, the annual antique & classic car show, and a wide variety of delicious foods.

The 2009 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival runs August 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:director@DanEmmettFestival.org). Additional information of the Festival can be found on the web at [www.DanEmmettFestival.org](http://www.DanEmmettFestival.org).

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