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**Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival**

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## **Local Gems and National Stars Perform at Emmett Festival**

MOUNT VERNON – The Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival prides itself in allowing local performers and nationally rated talent time on stage to entertain the Knox County audience. This year includes many such performers throughout the four day Festival running August 13<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>.

On Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm on the First-Knox South Stage the John Vining Trio will open for Elizabeth Vining. Composed of John Vining on piano and vocals, Glen Sigler on bass and Tim Fitzgerald on drums, the trio sings songs arranged predominantly by acclaimed talent John Vining. Following their half hour performance, Elizabeth Vining will take the stage. This Mount Vernon native is no stranger to the Dan Emmett stage, performing at the Festival with her parents or on her own for as long as she can remember. Pausing from her acting career in Los Angeles, where she has worked on many projects including “Iron Man 2”, “Kath & Kim”, as well as several original short films, and making her LA stage debut as Pink in Layon Grey’s “8 Shades of Alice”. Elizabeth is delighted to return and perform at the Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival.

Sarah Goslee Reed, a Festival favorite, will perform at 1:00 pm on the South Stage. Growing up with a musical father and mother, music came naturally to Sarah. With the influence of sixties music, Sarah taught herself to play the guitar, based on her knowledge of violin. She has put out a few CDs, “Songfest”, “Songs of Science”, a CD of songs written and recorded by students K-5 which relate to the science standards at each grade level, and “Its About Time”, a tribute to her father George Goslee, of Cleveland Orchestra fame

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Safire Sun, a group led by Darell Sanson of Fredericktown, will be performing on the South Stage on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This six member band includes a mandolin, rhythm guitar, bass, guitar, banjo, and fiddle. The group features songs of a bluegrass, gospel and country band, and is comprised of family and lifelong friends. Lightning-fingered string work and powerful, angelic voices are only part of the amazing story of this group from the heartland.

Mount Vernon Heritage Singers are a local group consisting of community members who share the love of music and close harmony. Singing purely a capella music, the group strives to present sophisticated and entertaining music related to our country's heritage. The group looks forward to returning to the Festival and singing Saturday evening, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm on the First-Knox Main Stage.

Other highlights for this year's Festival include a performance by Sonny Geraci and The Outsiders, Phil Dirt & The Dozers, Knox Idol, KnoxSquares, a Homemades & Trades Show, a Juried Fine Arts & Crafts Show, the annual classic and antique car show, a motorcycle show, a chance to meet Bob & Larry of Veggie Tales, a flower show, a quilt show, and plenty of delicious foods to choose from.

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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