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Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival

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Chautauqua arrives at Festival

MOUNT VERNON – The Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival continues to incorporate history into the festivities that include three Chautauqua performances. The 2009 Festival announces the portrayals of John Brown by Mike Petee, Clement Vallandigham by Tim Kahrl, and Buddy Holly by Jeff Putnam. All three re-enactors are local residents of Mount Vernon.

As an attempt to incorporate history into America's social life, the Chautauqua was introduced and became popular in the late 19th 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.

Performances are scheduled to appear 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. Sometime later, Vallandigham made a famous speech on the square of Mount Vernon where he denounced "King Lincoln," was arrested and exiled and ran for Ohio Governor in abstentia. Both men met, both men had Ohio connections, and both spent time in Mount Vernon. The Brown and Vallandigham Chautauquas 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.

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Other festivities include performances by Sonny Geraci of the Outsiders, Phil Dirt & 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 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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