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Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival

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A Song, A Dance, and A Karate Kick

MOUNT VERNON – The 2009 Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival is proud to announce the return of several local studios to dazzle audiences with the talent, knowledge, and skill gained with instruction.

Diane Dingler will give the opportunity to her select vocal students to share pieces of music they have been learning on Thursday, August 13th beginning at 3:30 pm on the Square.

Saturday highlights the TaVaci School of Music at Noon on the First-Knox South Stage. Under the direction of DeAnne Groom, local children and youth age 4 to 13 will perform music emphasizing the technique, presence, and diction that is learned throughout the year.

Steve Hatfield, holding the degree of Sixth Degree Black Belt with over 30 years of experience, is the Head Teacher at Panther Kenpo Karate. Hatfield and his students will showcase the Martial Arts at Noon on First-Knox Center Stage Saturday, August 15th.

Carole Dance Studio under the direction of Emily Thompson will perform at 1:00 pm on Saturday, August 15th at Center Stage. Their performances will highlight all aspects of the studio's expertise including Ballet, Pointe, Street, Lyrical, Jazz, Tap, Gymnastic, and Ballroom Dance.

On Saturday, the Knox Choraliers will take the stage at 3:00 pm on the South Stage. This group of children ranging from 4th to 8th grade is directed by Diane Dingler. They will perform songs varying in style and possibly a different language.

Dance Revolution is returning for a performance at 3:00 pm on Center Stage on Saturday. The performance should include numbers that highlight the different styles the studio offers including Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Pointe, Musical Theater, Lyrical, Clogging and Hip Hop under the expertise of Drew and Sue Marotte.

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The Colonial Kids, under the direction of Joe Bell of Right Brain Productions, will perform on the South Stage Saturday, August 15th at 3:30 pm. The group provides an avenue for energetic and talented singers to showcase their talents in an ensemble format, performing music that has great audience appeal and recognition.

Other highlights of this year's Festival will include performances by Sonny Geraci of The Outsiders, Phil Dirt and the Dozers, Knox Idol, Knox Squares, a chance to meet Bob & Larry of Veggie Tales, Civil War activities, the annual bell auction, a flower show, a quilt show, and the annual antique & classic car show, 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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