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Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival

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8th Annual Festival Bell features B&O Depot

MOUNT VERNON - The 2009 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival will be auctioning its eighth in the series of Bells this year during the event. As in previous years, the 2009 bell is a bronze casting prepared by the Verdin Bell Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, who also cast the Ohio, Knox County, and Mount Vernon Bicentennial Bells. The previous auctions have been a tremendous success, raising substantial money for the benefit of the Festival.

Twelve bells are auctioned each year to create a series of annual Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival Bells. The bells are individually cast, are unique, and year specific. They are cast to resemble the 2003 Knox County Ohio Bicentennial Bell, the 2005 Mount Vernon Bicentennial Bell, and the 2008 Knox County Bicentennial Bell.

The artwork is designed and prepared by Gambier artisan Tim Yoder, of Dezign It. The 2009 bell commemorates the stunning restoration of an historic icon in the community – the B&O Depot. On the reverse side, the Bell bears the year and a beautiful script of the Festival name. Each handcrafted Bell is 8” tall, individually numbered by grading, and will be provided with a certificate of authenticity. The Bells have become a great collector’s item, especially for those who have been able to secure each annual Bell in the series. A photo of this year’s bell is on the Festival web site.

The “Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival Bell” auction will be held at the 2009 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival on Saturday, August 15th from the First-Knox Main Stage on the Square at approximately 8:00 p.m. preceding the live concert by Sonny Geraci and The Outsiders.

In addition to the bells, a one-of-a-kind hand painted portrait collage of Sonny Geraci will be auctioned, with an original autograph by Sonny. The painting was created by Ron Dawson of MuscleCarArtist.com. This is an exclusive and original item that is not available anywhere else, only at this auction, this year, at the Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival.

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Highlights of this year's Festival will include performances by Sonny Geraci and The Outsiders, Phil Dirt & The Dozers, a wide variety of local musicians such as Kokosing River Surf Club, Autumn Daze, Mount Vernon Heritage Singers, KnoxSquares, Knox Idol, as well as the popular Chautauqua program, a new motorcycle show, the antique & classic car show, all with a wide variety of delicious foods for your tasting pleasure.

The 2009 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival runs August 13th – 16th in Downtown Mount Vernon with various activities each day. The 2009 Festival is made possible through the contributions of Ariel, First-Knox National Bank, Time Warner Cable, WMVO, Eagle 93, WNZR, I-Conn Video Productions, Mount Vernon News, the Knox Partnership for Arts & Culture, and the Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau. For additional information, contact the Festival at (740) 392-FEST (3378) or email at director@DanEmmettFestival.org.

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Bell Photos Attached