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**EVENT DATE: AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival**

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**For Detailed Up-to-Date Festival Information, Visit [www.DanEmmettFestival.org](http://www.DanEmmettFestival.org)**

## **UPI 5 Mile Run & Walk Saturday at Festival**

MOUNT VERNON – What could be better than a scenic jog or long walk on an early August morning in a town that is known for its historic, hometown appeal? The UPI 5 Mile Run starts on East Gambier Street at South Main, and takes you down the residential streets of Mount Vernon, along the Kokosing Gap Trail and then doubles back to the finish line at the Dan Emmett Conference Center.

The UPI 5 Mile Run & Walk starts at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 9th. The Sponsor, United Precast Inc. (UPI) will be paying the expenses of the race, and then donate the race and walk proceeds to the Autism Speaks charity.

Registration for the race will take place starting at 7:30 a.m. at intersection of South Main and Gambier Street in the center of the Festival grounds. The registration fee is a \$20 donation. Registration forms and fees made payable to UPI, the coordinator for the event. Visit [www.DanEmmettFestival.org](http://www.DanEmmettFestival.org) to download a race registration form or contact the Festival at (740) 392-3378 for more information.

Awards will be given to the top male and female runners in each age division. Refreshments will be provided at the finish line. You are invited to bring your family and spend the day taking in everything the Festival has to offer!

Highlights of the Festival this year include performances by Micky Dolenz of The Monkees, Phil Dirt and The Dozers, the All-Ohio State Fair Band, Knox Idol, and a wide variety of other local musicians and performers. A juried fine arts and crafts fair, a homemades and trades show, a flower show, a quilt show, a motorcycle show, and an antique & classic car show are also scheduled as part of the four day Festival.

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The Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival runs August 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Mount Vernon with various activities each day. For information, contact the Festival at (740) 392-FEST (3378). For detailed scheduling information, visit the Festival website at [www.DanEmmettFestival.org](http://www.DanEmmettFestival.org) . The 2008 Dan Emmett Music & Art Festival is made possible by the contributions by Ariel, First-Knox National Bank, Time Warner Cable, WMVO, Eagle 93, WNZR, I-Conn Video Productions, Mount Vernon News, and the Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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