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Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival

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Gospel Sunday Returns to Festival

MOUNT VERNON - It's "Gospel Sunday" at the 2008 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival on August 10th. The staff began the tradition of featuring gospel music on Sunday when they assumed leadership of the Festival in 1998. "The Sunday format change to christian and gospel music was a natural one for Knox County," commented Pat Crow, Festival Director, "with the profound influence of performing artists from our area who focus on traditional gospel and contemporary christian music." That tradition is alive on the campus of the Mount Vernon Nazarene University, one of the event sponsors of the Sunday music.

The First-Knox South Stage, located on the 200 block of South Main Street, will start the afternoon schedule with The New Covenant MVNU Praise Team at 12:00 p.m. The Shumans, who have been on stage at Ogleby Park, return to the festival this year at 1:00 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m., The McManaways will perform gospel music that is known for touching the hearts of all those that listen. The McManaways are a local family who have performed in a variety of venues including churches, club meetings, and banquets. Chestnut Ridge will perform gospel and bluegrass favorites at 3:00 p.m., closing the Gospel Sunday format.

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

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