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## **Micky Dolenz of The Monkees to Perform at Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival**

MOUNT VERNON – The Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival is pleased to announce **Micky Dolenz of The Monkees** will be performing at the 2008 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival on Saturday evening, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**After selling more than 65 million** records worldwide as the star of THE MONKEES TV show, Micky Dolenz has continued to make his mark in other areas of the entertainment business, through his varied career as an actor, director, producer and performer.

Micky was born in Los Angeles on March 8, 1945. His dad, George, had starred in a number of films and in the mid 1950s in the television series "The Count of Monte Cristo." Micky first established himself as a performer at age 10 when, under the stage name of Micky Braddock, he starred in his first TV series, "Circus Boy," which aired on NBC from 1956-1958. In his teens, Micky guest-starred on a number of television shows and also learned to play guitar. "I was singing hard rock including songs by the Rolling Stones and the Animals," he says. "In fact, I auditioned for THE MONKEES singing **Chuck Berry's** Johnny B. Goode."

The Monkees audition took place in autumn 1965. Micky was one of four actors chosen out of 400 applicants who responded to a trade ad announcing auditions for a new TV show about rock 'n roll band. The concept was inspired by the Beatles film, "A Hard Day's Night." "I was hired as an actor to play the role of a singing drummer," Micky recalls. "I had to learn to play drums."

The Monkees debut single, "Last Train to Clarksville," featured Micky on lead vocals, hit the charts September 10, 1966 and rocketed to number one. Two days later, the television show debuted on NBC to great success. The TV ratings remained high for two seasons and Micky and the band starred in their own feature, "Head," a 1969 psychedelic romp written by a young **Jack Nicholson**. The movie is now considered a cult classic. Ultimately, The Monkees achieved their greatest success as recording artists. Their first four albums (The Monkees; More of the Monkees;

Headquarters, and Pisces, Aquarius, Capricorn & Jones, Ltd.) reached number one on the charts and they had three consecutive number one singles: "Clarksville", "I'm a Believer", "Daydream Believer". The group's first five albums also went gold.

Reserved seating for the Micky Dolenz performance is available. The reserved area is preferred, up close seating, available on a first come first serve basis. The cost will be \$20 per seat. Tickets are available from the Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau, 107 South Main Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, by phone at (740) 392-3378 or Toll Free at 1-800-837-5282. Advanced purchase is recommended to guarantee seating. Advanced reservations require prepayment. You may also email your request from the Festival website at [www.DanEmmettFestival.org](http://www.DanEmmettFestival.org). Space for bring-your-own-chair seating is available behind the reserved seating at no charge.

The 2008 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 further 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 from Ariel and First-Knox National Bank

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