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**EVENT DATE: AUGUST 10-13, 2017**  
**Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival**

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## **Knox County Youth Provide Majority of Talent for Dan Emmett Festival**

MOUNT VERNON – As the 2017 Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival is drawing near and the list of entertainment is lined up, one can see the talent pouring from the local junior and high schools. From Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, everyone is welcome to come and experience the musical, artistic, and athletic talent from our local students. Youth performances make up over 50% of the performers at the four-day long event.

On Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, the day's festivities kick off at Noon at the First-Knox South Stage with the Youth Showcase. This gives local youth the opportunity to perform vocally, instrumentally, poetically, through dance, and more! The First-Knox Main Stage features Jillain Short at 12:00 p.m., Ciel Leach at 12:30 p.m., Lacey Blubaugh at 1:00 p.m., Anika Wolfe and Emily Waters at 1:30 p.m., Megan Evans at 2:00 p.m., Maya McDonald at 3:00 p.m., Brian Shelton at 3:30 p.m., and Matthew Dinnen at 4:00 p.m. Following the Youth Showcase on the First-Knox South Stage from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Randy Bobandy a blues rock band comprised of College Students takes the stage at 2 p.m., local youth band Uncorrections follows them at 3:30 p.m., and TaVaci School of Performing Arts at 5:30 p.m. The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Cheer Competition will be held along the southern end of South Main Street at 6:00 p.m., which will highlight local and out-of-county high schools. The evening ends with the first round of the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Knox Idol vocal competition, with singers ranging in ages from 14 to 29. The competition will begin at 7:30 pm on the First-Knox South Stage.

Friday's performances begin at Noon on the First-Knox South Stage with a second showing of the Youth Showcase, followed by R.E.A.L at 2:00 p.m., Life to Live at 3:30 p.m., and TaVaci at 5:30 p.m. On the Square, Bella Ballantyne and Mariah Clark will perform at noon,

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Corey Inverso at 2:00 p.m., Megan Campbell at 4:00 p.m. and the MVHS Marching Band kicking off at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening ends with the final round of Knox Idol at 9:00 pm on the First-Knox Main Stage.

Saturday will feature a Fiddle, Banjo, and Flat-Pick Guitar contest with contestants of all ages. The Fiddle contest will take place on the Main Stage beginning at 11:00 a.m. Both the Banjo and Flat-Pick Guitar contests will take place on the South Stage, beginning at 10:00 a.m. A Youth Showcase takes the South Stage at 1:00 p.m, followed by the Knox Youth Choir at 2:30 p.m., The Colonial Kids at 3:00 p.m., MV Summer Strings at 3:30 pm, and Haley Davis at 4:00 p.m. ThePlace@TheWoodward (101 S. Main St) will feature Panther Kenpo Karate at Noon, Carol Dance Studio at 1:00 p.m., the Spotlight Studio at 2:00 p.m., and Bradford Academy of Dance at 3:00 p.m., pianist Tim Noble will perform 7:30 p.m.

Highlights of this year's Festival will include performances by Lee Greenwood, Phil Dirt & The Dozers, a wide variety of local musicians and performers (such as Kokosing River Surf Club, Derek Posey Band, Elvis' Long Lost Brother, King Darwin), the Knox Idol competition, fiddle, banjo, and flat-pick guitar contests, a cheer competition, a flower show, a quilt show, arts, crafts, homemades, a motorcycle show, and the annual antique & classic car show, all with a wide variety of delicious foods.

The 2017 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival runs August 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Mount Vernon with various activities each day. This year's Festival is made possible through the contributions of Ariel Corporation and First-Knox National Bank. For additional information, contact the Festival at (740) 392-FEST (3378) or email at [director@DanEmmettFestival.org](mailto:director@DanEmmettFestival.org)

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