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**Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival**

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## **BJ Thomas Headliner for Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival**

MOUNT VERNON – A warm welcome from the 2016 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival includes the headline performance of legendary artist B.J. Thomas. The concert will be held on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 pm on the square in downtown Mount Vernon.

A true American institution whose iconic pop, country and gospel hits defined their respective generations and now transcend them, B.J. Thomas has found a unique way to celebrate an incredible half a century in music and some 47 years since his first gold selling hit on Scepter Records. The singer, a five time Grammy and two time Dove Award winner who has sold more than 70 million records and is ranked in Billboard's Top 50 most played artists over the past 50 years, invites longtime fans and newcomers alike to his living room.

During the many decades B.J. Thomas has performed, he has sold more than 70 million records, earned 2 Platinum records, had 11 Gold records, won 5 Grammy Awards, 2 Dove Awards for Gospel Recordings and 15 Top 40 Pop/Rock Hits, including Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head, Eyes Of A New York Woman, Hooked On A Feeling, Rock and Roll Lullaby, and I Just Can't Help Believing.

BJ also has had 10 Top 40 Country Chart hits which include "(Hey Won't You Play) Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song," "Whatever Happened To Old Fashioned Love" and "Two Car Garage," along with many other achievements.

BJ Thomas' continuing contributions to the world of fine music will be part of the 2016 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival.

Reserved seating for **BJ Thomas** performance is available. The Friend of the Festival reserved area is preferred, up close seating, available on a first come first serve basis. The cost will be \$20 per seat. Friend of the Festival Tickets will be available starting June 1<sup>st</sup> on the Festival website at [www.DanEmmettFestival.org](http://www.DanEmmettFestival.org) or at 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. Space for bring-your-own-chair seating is available behind the reserved seating at no charge.

Highlights of this year's four day Festival will include performances by Phil Dirt & The Dozers, a wide variety of local musicians and performers (such as Kokosing River Surf Club, Safire Sun, Caffiends, and Elvis' Lost Brother), the Knox Idol competition, fiddle, banjo, and flat-pick guitar contests, a cheer competition, a flower show, a quilt show, fine arts, crafts, homemades, a motorcycle show, a Sunday pancake breakfast, and the annual antique & classic car show, all with a wide variety of delicious foods.

The 2016 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival runs August 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Mount Vernon with various activities each day. 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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