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Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival

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Caffiends Spike Energy into Emmett Festival

MOUNT VERNON – The Caffiends, an eclectic mix of harmony and instrumentation, will grace the Square at the 2016 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival on Sunday, August 14th at 12:00 noon. Opening for artists such as Trisha Yearwood, Faith Hill, Diamond Rio, and others, the Festival is thrilled to once again present this musical treat.

The Caffiends is a talented and versatile group of musicians/vocalists whose experience and professionalism are equal to any musical challenge. They are a strong, beautiful mix of two to four part harmonies accompanied by intricate acoustic six-string, twelve-string guitar, electric nylon string guitar, electric violin, mandolin, electric/acoustic bass and/or percussion. Their songs are an eclectic assortment of rock and roll, country, folk, jazz, and bluegrass featuring hits from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s. A typical set might include original songs blended in with songs by the Beatles, the Eagles, Crosby, Stills & Nash, the Doobie Brothers, the Everly Brothers, a bluegrass standard, or a new contemporary pop/rock hit.

The band features Dennis Eggerton – Singer, songwriter, guitarist, and mandolinist. He is the former lead guitarist and vocalist for the rock band Justus and the contemporary Christian rock bands Back in the Saddle and Just Passin' Thru. He is a multi-instrumentalist with over forty years of experience as a professional musician.

Dean Kastran – Singer, songwriter, bassist. He is a gold record recipient for his work with the 1960s band The Ohio Express. He has shared the stage with bands such as The Who, the Beach Boys, Herman's Hermits and many other classic rock bands of that era, and has appeared on Dick Clark's American Bandstand and at New York's famed Carnegie Hall. He is also a former member of Flite, Back in the Saddle, and Just Passin' Thru.

Bob Cox – Singer, virtuoso finger-style guitarist, and music instructor. He has been performing with various bands throughout Ohio, as well as neighboring states, for over forty years. Bob is an adjunct music professor at Kenyon College. He is also a music instructor and faculty member at the Richland Academy of the Arts, and has written method books. He also heads up the Bob Cox & Friends band.

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Jim Smith – Drummer and percussionist. He has performed extensively with Tony Calamello Orchestra, Percy Hall Orchestra, Dick Robins Band, Dave Vaas Quartet, and Luis Mendez Quartet. Also performed with Mansfield Symphony, and traveled with bands throughout Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, and a USO Tour to Greenland. He teaches lessons at the Richland Academy of the Arts, and is the drummer for the Bob Cox & Friends band.

Their members have made hundreds of special appearances at various clubs, fairs, and festivals throughout the state. Individually, they have appeared as the opening act for such artists as Trisha Yearwood, Faith Hill, Kathy Mattea, Restless Heart, Diamond Rio, and many others. They have also appeared at the famous Bluebird Café which is the premier songwriters and artists night club in Nashville, TN, and at Wolfman Jack's Rock & Roll Palace in Kissimmee, FL. The Caffiends like to mix all different genres of music into their show including rock and roll, country, folk, jazz, and bluegrass.

Highlights of this year's Festival will include performances by BJ Thomas, Phil Dirt & The Dozers, a wide variety of local musicians and performers (such as Kokosing River Surf Club, Safire Sun, and Caffiends, 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 2016 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival runs August 11th-14th in Downtown Mount Vernon with various activities each day. This year's Festival is made possible through the contributions of Ariel, First-Knox National Bank, and Time Warner Cable. For additional information, contact the Festival at (740) 392-FEST (3378) or email at director@DanEmmettFestival.org

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