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**Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival**

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## **A Song, a Dance, and a Karate Kick**

MOUNT VERNON – The 2016 Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival is proud to announce the return of several local studios to dazzle audiences with the talent, knowledge, and skill gained with instruction by incredible teachers.

On Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, The TaVaci School of Performing Arts will showcase their summer students at 5:00 p.m. on the First-Knox South Stage, followed by the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Cheer Competition at the intersection of South Main and Gambier Streets at 6:00 p.m.

Diane Dingler's select vocal students will share pieces of music they have been learning at 12:30 p.m. on the Square on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. On the First-Knox South Stage, regular students of TaVaci School of Performing Arts will perform at 5:30 p.m. TaVaci is a children's singing/performing group where youth ages 3-14 learn vocal technique, choreography, drama, and stage presence.

Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> will feature several performing arts groups. Steve Hatfield, holding a Sixth Degree Black Belt with over 30 years of experience, is the Head Teacher at Panther Kenpo Karate. Hatfield and his students will showcase the Martial Arts at Noon in ThePlace@TheWoodward.

Also in ThePlace, Carole Dance Studio, under the direction of Emily Thompson, will perform at 1:00 p.m. Their performances will highlight all aspects of the studio's expertise including ballet, pointe, street, lyrical, jazz, tap, gymnastic, and ballroom dance.

The Spotlight Dance Center, under the direction of Katie Delozier and Stephanie Stute, will take the stage at 2:00 p.m. in ThePlace@TheWoodward. They will perform a variety of dance styles including ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, hip hop, gymnastics and musical theater.

Bradford Academy of Dance will perform at 3:00 p.m. at ThePlace. The performance should include numbers that highlight the different styles the studio offers including tap, jazz, ballet, pointe, musical theater, lyrical, clogging and hip hop under the expertise of RayAnn Bradford.

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. 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](mailto:director@DanEmmettFestival.org).

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