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**Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival**

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## **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dan Emmett Festival Video Contest**

MOUNT VERNON – We see thousands of cameras, camcorders, and smart phones being put to good use over the four days of the Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival. Returning this year is the 3rd annual Dan Emmett Festival Video Contest! The goal for this contest is for participants to create and submit videos that promote the Festival in a positive way, showcasing any or all of the variety of experiences the Festival has to offer. The Top 3 Videos will be posted on the Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival website for an entire year!

Videos must showcase any or all of the elements of the 2016 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival. Only one video submission per person will be accepted, so send us your best work! The deadline for video submission is 12:00 Midnight on Wednesday, August 31, 2016. Be creative! There are many options to choose from at the Festival, from musical acts to dance and karate studios, motorcycles and cars to crafts and arts, delicious food to local businesses, the crowds enjoying the festivities—the possibilities are endless.

Simply upload your video to YouTube as a public posting, then go to [www.DanEmmettFestival.org](http://www.DanEmmettFestival.org) and fill out the video submission form on the Contests page. Videos will be judged on how well the video represents the Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival, overall creativity, editing, and quality of sound and video. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of the 2016 Dan Emmett Festival Video Contest will receive a \$25 cash prize.

Highlights of the 2016 Festival 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, Caffiends, and Chestnut Ridge), the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Knox Idol competition, fiddle, banjo, and flat-pick guitar contests, the 11<sup>th</sup> annual cheer competition, a flower show, quilt show, fine arts, crafts, homemades, a motorcycle show, a Sunday pancake breakfast and worship service, and the annual antique & classic car show, all with a wide variety of delicious foods all four days of the Festival.

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).