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MOUNT VERNON EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS SHINE IN STATEWIDE “BEST IN OHIO” HONORS

Mount Vernon, Ohio — Experience Mount Vernon is thrilled to announce that its signature First Fridays series has been named “**Best Summer Festival**” in *Midwestern Traveler Magazine’s* 2025 **Best in Ohio** awards. The honor highlights Mount Vernon’s growing reputation as a destination for vibrant, family-friendly community events in the heart of Central Ohio.

Downtown Mount Vernon claimed several top honor’s in this year’s Best in Ohio rankings, including:

- **Mount Vernon Music & Arts Festival:** *Best Art Fair/Festival*
- **Mount Vernon Grand Hotel:** *Best Historic Hotel*
- **South Main Plaza Dog Fountain:** *Best Street Art*

“These recognitions are a testament to the incredible collaboration between businesses, organizations, volunteers, and residents who all work together to make Downtown Mount Vernon such a special place,” said Lacey Filkins, Executive Director of Experience Mount Vernon. “It’s an honor to see so many local events and landmarks celebrated at the best in Ohio. We are truly proud of what we are building together.”

Midwestern Traveler Magazine’s annual “Best in Ohio” awards highlight destinations, events, and attractions that make the Buckeye State shine.

ABOUT EXPERIENCE MOUNT VERNON:

Experience Mount Vernon is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that fosters a vibrant downtown through meaningful community experiences. Visit www.experiencemv.org for more information.

ABOUT THE MOUNT VERNON MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL:

The Mount Vernon Music & Arts Festival exists to present a celebration of arts; creating experiences that entertain, educate, and inspire; uniting artists and audiences within the historic backdrop of Mount Vernon, Ohio. Visit www.mvmaf.org for more information and the 2025 schedule of events.

ABOUT THE MOUNT VERNON GRAND HOTEL:

The Mount Vernon Grand Hotel is a 46-room boutique hotel located on the Historic Public Square in Mount Vernon, Ohio. For more information, visit www.mountvernongrand.com.

ABOUT THE SOUTH MAIN PLAZA DOG FOUNTAIN:

Opening in 2020, South Main Plaza was created as a unique gathering space that brings vitality and fun to the Downtown Mount Vernon Historic District.

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