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## **EMILY BELL, JONNY BURKE AND FRIENDS JOIN FORCES FOR 'WINTERCAMP' BENEFITING TOYS FOR TOTS THIS DECEMBER**

*A winter-themed music residency at Holy Mountain in Austin on December 4, 11, 18 and 25 will be an all out party extravaganza*

**(AUSTIN, TX December 2012; source: Juice Consulting)** – Austin-based songstress **Emily Bell** and singer-songwriter **Jonny Burke** are proud to announce the first-annual **WinterCamp**, where Austinites are invited to step out of the icy Texas cold and into “The Holy Mountain Lodge,” kick off their boots and warm their soul with brandy, hot beverages, fire and great music. A new sister series to Bell’s popular *SummerCamp*, **WinterCamp** is set to take place each Tuesday this December from **9 p.m. until 2 a.m.** on **December 4, 11, 18 and 25** at the Holy Mountain, Austin’s newest bar and venue in the Red River area located at **617 East Seventh Street, Austin, Texas 78701**. The residency is presented by **Bird's Barbershop, Zappy Springs Photo Booths, Juice Consulting** and **Eye in the Sky Collective**.

‘Tis the season of giving back, and though tickets are **5 USD**, campers (attendees) are encouraged to bring used and new toys or bring canned food for **free entry** to the event. Zappy Springs will provide a Bird’s Barbershop-sponsored photo booth for entertainment and there will be many surprises such as raffles, prizes and other winter wonderland icescapades (and even a visit from Santa).

After a successful run of *SummerCamp* this year at The Scoot Inn, Bell’s team joined forces with popular musician and co-creator of the HeartBreaker Banquet music festival,

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Jonny Burke. **WinterCamp** will be a showcase of not only incredible music but provide a creative environment where artists and music lovers alike can interact and celebrate all things “winter,” while giving back to the community. Special guests will be included each week as follows:

Dec 4th - Emily Bell, Jonny Burke and **JOHN EVANS**

Dec 11th - Emily Bell, Jonny Burke and **ARUM RAE**

Dec 18th - Emily Bell, Jonny Burke and **ELIJAH FORD AND THE BLOOM**

Dec 25th - Emily Bell, Jonny Burke, Santa Claus and an icy-hot consortium of songwriters for a hootin' hollerin' song swap.

“I love Jonny's sound and his raw approach to his style and songwriting,” stated Bell. “When Jonny and I spoke about the possibility of a shared residency, ideas began to fly and it was clear that we both had the same goal - to create something really different.”

Burke stated: “’Tis the season for holiday cheer and that's exactly what we'll be bringing every Tuesday in December to Holy Mountain with **WinterCamp**. I love Emily's sound and we thought if we put our heads together we could come up with a weekly event that's not just a concert but a cool winter experience as well.”

### **About Emily Bell**

Somewhere in the world between technicolored soul, southern blues and 60's rock-n-roll, Austin-based singer-songwriter, **Emily Bell**, has a forthcoming debut disc (co-written and produced by John Evans) that sonically fits on its own planet. With a voice that fits in the realm of her soulful British female counterparts, she backs it up with an energetic rock-n-soul vibe. Since putting together her new band in Austin, she has begun to take the city by storm with buzz-worthy shows and her highly attended music festival/series last summer in August 2012, **SummerCamp**. Teaming up with local non-profit company, Present Company Theater, the summer series combined theater and music into a full blown weekly summer camp-themed event at The Scoot Inn that featured four talented local bands a day with a performance by Bell each week.

### **About Jonny Burke**

Returning to Texas from LA for a few months this winter, **Jonny Burke** is a man on the move. In 2012, he released *Cup Runneth Over*, his second full-length album and third release in as many years. Jonny's been touring relentlessly on his own and opening for the likes of James McMurtry, Ryan Bingham and Todd Snider. The former Dedrings co-front man also came together in 2012 with a few friends to found *Heartbreaker Banquet*, an extravagant musical experience featuring 18 bands in Willie Nelson's western town, Luck, during SXSW week. Burke admits that he has enjoyed being on stage and performing from an early age. He was born and raised in New Braunfels,

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Texas. His dad taught him his first chords and played him Chuck Berry's "Jonny B. Goode" when he was a little boy and Burke would listen to albums like Dylan's *Highway 61 Revisited* and Townes Van Zandt's *Flyin' Shoes* over and over again. By the time he was 15, he was writing songs and performing in bars; he hasn't stopped ever since.

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