

## Media Release

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## Eddie Bush and Bill Champlin to Perform at Christmas on the Creek *Concert to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children™*

**November 28, 2011, Charleston, S.C.** – National Recording Artist Eddie Bush and GRAMMY® Award winning songwriter Bill Champlin have partnered with the Omar Shrine Temple of Charleston, Y102.5, and Red's Ice House for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "*Christmas on the Creek*" event at the Lighthouse at historic Shem Creek. The December 15<sup>th</sup> concert in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina will benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children™.

Regarded as one of the most philanthropic organizations for children and their families, Shriners International supports Shriners Hospitals for Children, which provides the highest quality care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special healthcare needs. And through the generosity of donors, every child is able to receive this care without regard to their ability to pay for medical services.

Bush said, "Partnering with Shriners is a great honor for me, given the wonderful things they do for children and their families. I thought it would be an excellent start to our recently-announced relationship, making Shriners Hospitals for Children the beneficiary of our *Christmas on the Creek* event. What a wonderful pairing; Christmas cheer benefitting a group that has such major impact on the children they help. Such is the power of music."

Champlin, the former lead vocalist for Chicago said, "I'm excited about my upcoming trip to Charleston to perform for my many friends and fans there, but most importantly, for the opportunity to help the Shriners organization continue their invaluable work and service on behalf of children's medical needs around the country. I can't wait for *Christmas on the Creek*; Eddie and I are gonna have a rockin' evening of music!"

The benefit concert will be held at the Lighthouse at Shem Creek (next to Red's Ice House) and begins at 7:00 p.m. with Charleston's soulful jazz vocalist Keturah Tetrev opening. Admission is \$10.

In addition to his Billboard-charting singles *Hard to Stop a Train* and *My Kind of Beautiful* (One Flew South), Bush plans to perform holiday songs from his newly-released *Holiday Harmonies* CD, and Champlin is expected to perform songs highlighting his incredibly rich and diverse musical history and legacy, which may include his GRAMMY Award winning compositions *After The Love Is Gone* and *Turn Your Love Around*, and hits *Look Away* and *Hard Habit To Break* (Chicago).

Incoming 2012 Omar Shriners Potentate Kenny Craven said, "I'm looking forward to the evening with Eddie and Bill. I can't say thank you enough for their choosing Shriners Hospitals for Children as the beneficiary of this year's *Christmas on the Creek* concert, and we are fortunate to have a Shriners Hospitals for Children in Greenville as one of the 22 hospitals located across North America that will benefit from the event.

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### **About Shriners Hospitals for Children**

Shriners Hospitals for Children is changing lives every day through innovative pediatric specialty care, world-class research and outstanding medical education. The 22 hospitals in the United States, Canada and Mexico provide advanced care for children with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate issues. Shriners Hospitals for Children is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and relies on the generosity of donors. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. For more information, visit [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org).

### **About Omar Shriners**

Omar Shriners' 4,000+ membership is part of [Shriners International's](http://www.shriners.org) fraternity of approximately 325,000 members in 194 temples (chapters) located throughout the United States, Canada, Germany, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico and the Republic of Panama. Omar Shrine Temple is located at 176 Patriots Point Street in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., and is a member of the South Atlantic Shrine Association. The 2011 Potentate is John McClary. For more information, visit [www.omarshriners.org](http://www.omarshriners.org).

### **About Bill Champlin**

Bill Champlin has been known as the soulful singer/keyboardist of the iconic jazz-pop band Chicago. His featured spots on the hits *Look Away* and *Hard Habit to Break* are among his mainstream highlights. After 28 years with Chicago, Champlin parted ways with the band to focus on his solo career and to perform with his legendary band the Sons of Champlin. Bill Champlin's defining work with the Sons of Champlin and as a songwriter put him on the musical map long before he arrived in Chicago. He is a two-time GRAMMY® Award winning songwriter for the tracks *After the Love is Gone* (1979), recorded by Earth Wind and Fire and *Turn Your Love Around* (1981), recorded by George Benson. Champlin has worked with artists including Patti LaBelle, Lou Rawls, Elton John, Boz Scaggs, Donna Summer, Nancy Wilson, George Benson, Jimmy Smith, Amy Grant, Neil Diamond and Kenny Rogers. For more information, visit [www.BillChamplin.net](http://www.BillChamplin.net).

### **About Eddie Bush**

Eddie Bush's lifelong love for music began at age four, and with early influences of The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix and Eddie Van Halen, Eddie committed himself to becoming a great guitar player. Touring with renowned guitarist Eric Johnson and opening for artists such as Keith Urban, Ted Nugent, Alison Krauss and Montgomery Gentry helped prepare Eddie for the national recognition he'd receive from his 9/11 anthem *Spirit of America*. In 2005, Eddie's first Billboard charting single *Hard to Stop a Train* led to a meeting with GRAMMY® winning songwriter Marcus Hummon who was looking to round out a trio with singers Chris Roberts and Royal Reed. The trio, One Flew South, was quickly signed to Decca/Universal and debuted their first album, which produced the Billboard single *My Kind of Beautiful*. In 2010, Eddie released his first holiday single *I C Christmas*, which received frequent airplay on Clear Channel stations throughout America. In late December 2010, Eddie lost his brother Alex who was tragically killed in an automobile accident. To honor Alex, Eddie created the [Alex Bush Memorial Scholarship Fund](http://www.AlexBushMemorialScholarshipFund.org) of the Charleston School of Law, which has, to date, raised more than \$40,000. In early 2011, Eddie entered his upcoming single *Calloused Hands* in the "New Country Artist Search" at OurStage.com (MTV Partner). Competing against more than 300 artists, Eddie won the competition, and has subsequently entered, and taken first place in additional genres and categories. Eddie is currently working on his next studio album, "Shared Time", which is expected to be released in early 2012. For more information, visit [www.EddieBush.com](http://www.EddieBush.com).

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