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SOUTHERN PROVOCATEUR TAV FALCO SHIMMIES DOWN YOUR CHIMNEY TO BESTOW A TAV FALCO CHRISTMAS

Recorded at Memphis' Sam Phillips Recording Service, *A Tav Falco Christmas* features festive yuletide backing by bassist Mike Watt (Minutemen, Firehose, The Stooges), drummer Toby Dammit (touring keyboardist with Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds), guitarist/producer Mario Monterosso, and pianist Francesco D'Agnolo (former session pianist for Maestro Ennio Morricone)

***A Tav Falco Christmas* mini-album is released on CD and download by ORG Music/FRENZI Films & Music on December 1**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – September 28, 2017 - Arkansas-reared, avant-roots/RnR raconteur **Tav Falco** is set to make the holidays merry with his first collection of Christmas standards, *A Tav Falco Christmas*. The title will be available December 1 on CD and download from ORG Music/FRENZI Music & Films.

A fixture on the international music scene since 1981, Falco has been described by *The New York Times* as “A singer, guitarist and researcher of musical arcana who hasn’t let his increasingly technical expertise and idiomatic mastery compromise the clarity of his vision.”

Raised in rural Arkansas, Falco embarked on his long and distinguished musical career upon arriving in Memphis in the mid-1970s. Teaming up with local music legend Alex Chilton (The Box Tops/Big Star) in 1978, the duo formed the long-running and still active band, TAV FALCO’S PANTHER BURNS. Despite Chilton’s exit from the live lineup in 1984, Panther Burns carried on and the band’s current discography includes ten studio LPs and numerous EPs, live albums, and compilations. A frequent participant in the early ‘80s club scene at The Peppermint Lounge and Danceteria in New York, Tav Falco's Panther Burns continue to be the standard bearers of an

evocative mélange of Southern Gothic-tinged roots rock that encompasses rockabilly, country, blues, beat poetry, exotica, and performance art.

In addition to being a musician, Falco is an author, filmmaker and photographer. His debut feature film, *Urania Descending*, screened this spring at New York's Anthology Film Archives, Los Angeles' Egyptian Theatre/American Cinematheque, and Memphis' Malco Studio on the Square. Residing in Vienna, Austria for over a decade, Falco performed at Paris' Club Silencio in 2015 at the invitation of director David Lynch.

At the start of a scorching hot July in Memphis this year, Falco and his distinguished group of American/Euro vagabonds ensconced themselves at Sam Phillips Recording Service studios in Memphis, TN. Produced by band member Mario Monterosso, the *A Tav Falco Christmas* sessions featured the same band which appeared on a pair of 7" singles released by ORG Music last year. The lineup includes bassist Mike Watt (Minutemen, Firehose, the Stooges), guitarist Mario Monterosso, and drummer Toby Dammit (currently the touring keyboardist in Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds). Also on board for the sessions were pianist Francesco D'Agnolo, and backing vocalists Lahna Deering and Tiffany Harmon. John Whitemore guests on Glockenspiel.

Regarding the inspiration for the album, Falco explains "Although I have performed 'Blue Christmas' on stage now and again with my group, Panther Burns, I've had the notion of recording a solo Christmas mini-album for quite some time. I pitched the idea and a playlist to record labels, but labels come and go while the songs themselves seem eternal. Familiar Christmas tunes were tossed in the punchbowl - evergreens from genres of pop, jazz, and ghetto funk. In large part these were songs that I listened to as a young boy around Christmas time. The classic ones made a merry backdrop as I ran my 1947 American Flyer steam locomotive on an oval track around our Christmas tree freshly cut in the backwoods of Arkansas where we lived. The music and the clicky-clack of the tiny wheels under the rustic freight train made a montage of sounds that will ever conjure the jaunty *bonhomie* of Christmas for me. Because I grew up alone on a farm with my parents, the train and the songs were my best friends. It was later that I got into the jazz and funk selections."

So for those who hang their yuletide stockings with care, the gift of *A Tav Falco Christmas ...* is a gift with flair ... deserves a place in your lair ... will answer your prayer ... is the one to snare.

A TAV FALCO CHRISTMAS: Tracklist:

1. "Santa Claus Is Back in Town" (Jerry Leiber/Mike Stoller)
2. "White Christmas" (Julian Jasny)
3. "Jingle Bell Rock" (Joseph Carleton Beal/James Ross Boothe)
4. "Blue Christmas" (Billy Hayes/Jay W. Johnson)
5. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" (Johnny Marks)
6. "Christmas Blues" (Sammy Cahn/David Holt)
7. "Holly Jolly Christmas" (Johnny Marks)

8. "Soulful Christmas" (Hank Ballard/James Brown/Alfred James Ellis)

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