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## Bel of the Ball

As Santa Fe's favorite default gathering spot, the Cowgirl ain't no secret. But Knoxville, Tennessee's Christabel and the Jons are about to transform it into a speakeasy. The band, you see, likes to dress up in slinky period costumes, evocative of an era when the slow burn of torch-y jazz was not a cliché, but rather a dark, quiet way to enter into a world of storytelling and romance. Christabel's rich voice flows with the grace and smooth dexterity of the *Mighty Mississip'*, while the Jons back her with swing, blues and jazz, trumpets, fiddles and standup bass. It takes a lot of quiet power to turn the 'Girl from a place for chompin' chillies to a place for eloquent modern torch songs, but this is the group to do it. (Jonanna Widner)

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