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GENTLE THUNDER NOMINATED FOR AWARD

GRAMMY® and 2006 Indian Summer Music Award nominees hailing from Mt. Shasta, CA and Tucson, AZ, take their musical alchemy to the Mid West

Mt. Shasta's very own recording artist, Gentle Thunder, enchants audiences worldwide with her distinctive sound and heart filled presence. Internationally acclaimed multi-instrumentalist (drummer, grand hammer dulcimer and Native American flutes) Gentle Thunder, along with multi-percussionist Will Clipman and, multi-instrumentalist (piano, bass and soprano sax) AmoChip Dabney, recently released her latest album entitled *Beyond Words* earlier this year. Since its release it has been nominated Best Contemporary Instrumental album at the 2006 Indian Summer Music Awards in Milwaukee, WI . *Beyond Words* has been getting airplay across the country, Spain, and in Japan, and charted #5 in the June Top 100 New Age Reporter. The trio's exquisite alchemy and eclectic blend of world instruments and create a stellar new sound and a visually exciting concert experience which many experienced at College of the Siskiyous in January earlier this year. Eric Alan of Jefferson Public Radio writes: "*Beyond Words beautifully transcends genre as well as words. Together, they create a gorgeous musical journey that's a sharing of deep spirit more than a mere performance. It's peaceful, uplifting and unique.*"

Gentle Thunder is currently driving across country on her Indian Summer Tour where she will offer solo performances in the Bay area, Colorado, Lake Forest, IL, Minneapolis, MN, and finishing up in the Seattle, WA (where she began her musical career as a rock-n-roll drummer) for 2006 Flute Quest Festival. The trio will offer concerts in Lake Forest, IL September 7th, showcase at the Indian Summer Music Festival in Milwaukee, WI on September 8th, attend the awards ceremony on September 9th and finish up in Minneapolis on Sunday September 10th, 2006. Bill Binkelman of Minneapolis Wind and Wire writes: "*This is a special album celebrating the ability for music to unite us as one people. I highly recommend this CD to acoustic music lovers.*"

Gentle Thunder's three albums are available at Village Books in Mt. Shasta and online stores everywhere. To find out more about concerts, listen to sound samples, purchase music, read journal entries from her tour and pass on this information to others, visit her website at: www.1GentleThunder.com .

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Photo by Steven Meckler attached: GT BW Cover 300 (l-r Will Clipman, Gentle Thunder, AmoChip Dabney).

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