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**GENTLE THUNDER TO PERFORM AT LAKE FOREST ACADEMY**

**Performance will include 2005 GRAMMY® nominees, multi- percussionist  
Will Clipman and multi-instrumentalist AmoChip Dabney**

GRAMMY® and 2006 Indian Summer Music Award nominees hailing from Mt. Shasta, CA and Tucson, AZ, bring their musical alchemy to The Cressey Center for the Arts at Lake Forest Academy. 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, will offer a musical landscape of improvisation, spirit and new world music that, like the title of their recent release, is *Beyond Words!* Thursday September 7, 2006, 7 PM at The Cressey Center for the Arts, Lake Forest Academy, 1500 W. Kennedy Rd, Lake Forest, IL. Admission is free to the public. More info: (847) 615-3213 or visit: [www.1GentleThunder.com](http://www.1GentleThunder.com) .

Gentle Thunder enchants audiences worldwide with her distinctive sound, powerful drumming and heart filled presence. The trio's exquisite alchemy and eclectic blend of world instruments and create a stellar new sound and a visually exciting concert experience. Imagine Gentle Thunder weaving her magical melodies on grand hammer dulcimer and Native American flute (at times playing both instruments at once) periodically returning to her musical roots on drum set as Will holds the earthy pulse on his pan-global palette of percussion and woven throughout are Amo's brilliant textures on piano, bass guitar, and soprano saxophone. Her previous solo releases: *Awakening Remembrance* and *Winds of the Heart* charted in the Top 100 New Age Reporter & *Winds of the Heart* was #15 in iTunes Top 100 album downloads. Last summer Gentle Thunder opened in concert for the award winning R. Carlos Nakai Quartet. She awakened a simpatico with Quartet members Will and Amo which immediately manifested into this kindred spirit trio recording her recent release entitled, *Beyond Words*.

*Beyond Words* charts #5 in the June Top 100 N.A.R. and has been nominated Best Contemporary Instrumental album at the 2006 Indian Summer Music Awards in Milwaukee, WI, held September 9, 2006 at 6:30pm. Eric Alan, 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.*" The trio will showcase at the Indian Summer Music Festival on Friday night Sept. 8th at 6:30-7:15 pm. Bill Binkelman, 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.*" Experience this exceptional alchemy LIVE ... a musical landscape of improvisation, spirit and new world music that is simply *Beyond Words!*

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Photo by Steven Meckler attached: GT BW Cover 300 (l-r Will Clipman, Gentle Thunder, AmoChip Dabney). For additional press materials or interviews contact Gentle Thunder at [gthunder@jps.net](mailto:gthunder@jps.net)