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## **GRAMMY® NOMINEES GENTLE THUNDER and WILL CLIPMAN**

**7/20 Twins offer melodic/groove artistry beyond words**

**Ashland, OR** - The State of Jefferson's very own 2006 GRAMMY® nominee Gentle Thunder and four-time GRAMMY® nominee Will Clipman bring their musical alchemy back to Ashland, OR May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. Internationally acclaimed multi-instrumentalist (grand hammer dulcimer, drums and Native American flutes), producer, composer, recording artist and visionary Gentle Thunder, and pan-global percussionist Clipman, offer a musical landscape of improvisation, spirit and new world music. Known for their exquisite sensitivity, outrageous simpatico and inspiring presence, the "7/20 Twins", both born on July 20<sup>th</sup>, have a remarkable and charming connection that is, like the title of their GRAMMY® nominated album, *Beyond Words*. Recorded with AmoChip Dabney, *Beyond Words* was recognized with a GRAMMY® nomination in 2006 alongside artists Peter Kater, Enigma, Andres Vollenveider and Enya. The Wall Street Journal's Jim Fusilli calls the music "*direct and organic*". Eric Alan, Jefferson Public Radio writes: "*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 evening includes an appearance by a very special surprise guest! Join us Friday May 2, 2008 at 8:00 PM at The Rogue Valley Unitarian Center – 87 4th St. (4<sup>th</sup> & C) Ashland, OR. Tickets \$15 at door or charge in advance at 1-800-838-3006 or [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com). Information: (530) 926-4790 or [www.GentleThunder.com](http://www.GentleThunder.com). This event is supported by The Siskiyou Arts Council ~ [www.siskiyouartscouncil.org](http://www.siskiyouartscouncil.org) .

Gentle Thunder lives in Mt. Shasta, CA, yet enchants audiences worldwide with her distinctive sound and heart filled presence. Her previous solo releases: *Awakening Remembrance* and *Winds of the Heart* charted in the New Age Reporter Top 100. *Beyond Words* spent the year in the NAR Top 100 and charted #27 overall for 2006. Her most recent solo release, *Opening the Gate*, has been getting frequent airplay on JPR's "Open Air", reached #13 in NAR Top 100 and was nominated Best Native American album in the 2007 NAR Lifestyle Music Awards. Gene Bates -Whispering Wind Magazine writes: "...*this multi-instrumentalist is hitting on all cylinders on her latest release...it is irresistible! The energy emitting from this CD is phenomenal!*" Beginning in July 2007, Gentle Thunder has also toured extensively with former member of Jefferson Starship and multi-platinum, GRAMMY® nominated guitarist Craig Chaquico and his world class band. On July 11, 2008 the Britt Festival presents Craig Chaquico in concert showcasing the full spectrum of his four decade career, including flute and hammer dulcimer by Gentle Thunder and Chaquico's classic rock hits sung by Rolf Hartley.

Will Clipman hails from Tucson, AZ and is known in the industry as the perfect partner having recorded on over 55 albums including his newly released solo album, *Pathfinder* (Canyon Records) which is receiving rave reviews. World Music Central Review writes: "...*this solo work of his proves inventive, highly enjoyable and most welcome*". Along with his four GRAMMY® nominations he is a two-time NAMMY winner. Clipman said it well when he stated, "*beyond words there is a moment of pure rhythm and harmony wherein the musician becomes the instrument and there is only the music.*" This statement really encapsulates the heart and alchemy the "7/20 Twins" share and offer live. Their duo album has been recorded and will be released soon.

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