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**GRAMMY® NOMINEE GENTLE THUNDER TO APPEAR IN VERMONT**

**Burlington, VT** – All Souls Interfaith Gathering in Shelburne, VT hosts “An Intimate Evening of Music and Inspiration” with GRAMMY® award nominated multi-instrumentalist, recording artist, producer, sound healing facilitator and visionary, Gentle Thunder, Monday August 6, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Gentle Thunder will share her original music on a full spectrum of Native American flutes, grand hammer dulcimer and inspiring musings as she allows herself to be played as an instrument through which Great Spirit speaks.

This internationally acclaimed artist is known for her distinctive sound and authentic presence whose music has been described as “*a glorious musical journey that’s a sharing of deep spirit more than a mere performance*” by Eric Alan-JPR Music Director and “*heartfelt, glorious, enchanting and celebratory*” by RJ Lannan- New Age Reporter.

This is her first time to appear in Vermont. Join Gentle Thunder on August 6th at All Souls Interfaith Gathering, 291 Bostwick Farm Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for an artist “meet and greet” and an opportunity to walk the land and labyrinth in a spectacular setting on Lake Champlain.

Suggested sliding scale donation \$10 to \$25 at the door. A portion of the proceeds goes to the International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers, who are a global alliance of prayer, education, and healing for our Mother Earth, all Her inhabitants, all the children, and for the next seven generations to come. More information: (802)318-6901 / info@gentlethunder.com.

Gentle Thunder’s musical career has been diverse and dynamic beginning over 30 years ago as a rock n roll drummer in the Seattle area. Branching out as a self taught solo artist, she began playing hammer dulcimer in 1994, and in 2000 she picked up the Native American flute creating her own signature sound and to date she has recorded and produced eight albums solo and with other artists. *Beyond Words*, Gentle Thunder’s third release (a trio album with Will Clipman & AmoChip Dabney) was GRAMMY® award nominated Best New Age Album alongside nominated artists Enya, Peter Kater, Andreas Vollenweider and Enigma.

Noting the non-traditional New Age sound of *Beyond Words*, The Wall Street Journal’s Jim Fusilli called her music “*direct and organic*”. Her fourth and most recent solo release, *Opening the Gate* was nominated Best Native American album in the New Age Reporter Lifestyle Music Awards.

Gentle Thunder makes her home in Mount Shasta, California and travels to enchant audiences worldwide. Gentle Thunder’s life is abundant with travel, recording, producing other musicians, performing solo and with other amazing artists, teaching and inspiring groups and individuals of all ages, facilitating private healing sessions, sacred events and collaborating in service with many non-profit organizations.

“These are powerful times we are living in and my intention is to support us all in remembering our authentic selves and to come home to our heart through the music I create and the stories I share. Each of us has a unique gift to bring to the world and may my music fan the spirit fire of all who experience it to simply show up and be who we are,” declared Gentle Thunder. “I feel honored to have been invited to create a night of inspiration in such an intimate and beautiful venue,” said Gentle Thunder. For more information about this artist visit: GentleThunder.com and to find out more about All Souls Interfaith Gathering, visit [allsoulsinterfaith.org](http://allsoulsinterfaith.org) / (802) 985-3819.

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