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## **Int'l Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers Timeless Message Tour 11.11.11 Austin Screening & Teaching Workshop**

**October 5, 2011- Austin, TX** - The 25 city tour “For the Next 7 Generations” Timeless Message Tour comes to Austin to celebrate 11.11.11! This most auspicious evening of the tour features two of the Grandmothers from the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers at a screening of their documentary "[For the Next 7 Generations](#)" and a 6 hour teaching workshop. Grandmothers Margaret Behan, Arapahoe-Cheyenne Elder, from Montana and Rita Long Visitor Holy Dance, Oglala Sioux Elder from South Dakota will be present in Austin.

The evening begins with musical prayers by special guest Grammy nominated multi-instrumentalist, Gentle Thunder, at 6:45pm. Gentle Thunder hails from Mt. Shasta, California and in the past 2 years, Austin has become her 2nd home. She is internationally known for her heart-filled presence and distinctive style on handcrafted wooden flutes, drums and hammer dulcimer. Since August 2009, Gentle Thunder has offered her musical prayers for the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers at several fundraiser film screenings of their documentary around the country as well played at the 6th, 7th, and 9th Grandmother Council gatherings.

Austin's own beloved Susan Lincoln, Craig Toungate and Hilde Girls singing group will also make a special appearance to honor the Grandmothers.

Originating from all four corners of the world, these 13 wise women elders, shamans and medicine women came together in 2004 at a peace gathering. Moved by their concern for our planet, they formed an alliance for a peaceful and sustainable planet. They have since traveled the world holding council and ceremony. Their wisdom, shared with simple clarity, shines through the confusion of these times. Join the Grandmothers for these very special events as they teach from perspectives ancient as humanity, yet timeless in it's wisdom and relevance.

### **Screening of “For the Next 7 Generations” - Friday, November 11, 2011**

7:30 - 10:00 pm Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door

Doors open at 6:45pm with music by Gentle Thunder. The Grandmothers will share their mission and prayers from her respective tribal tradition before the film documenting the coming together of the Grandmothers Council. A short Q & A will follow the screening.

## **Teaching Workshop with the Grandmothers - Saturday, November 12**

10 am - 3 pm Tickets \$100 (includes vegetarian lunch)

Enjoy intimate time with the Grandmothers. Themes include the role of women and motherhood, restoring your foundation and peace (mental, physical, spiritual health), healing Mother Earth, and balancing life with laughter, tears and healing.

Both events take place at Unity Church of the Hills, 9905 Anderson Mill Rd., Austin, TX.

Advance tickets for both events available at: [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).

### **Grandmothers' Mission Statement:**

We, The International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers, represent 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. We are deeply concerned with the unprecedented destruction of our Mother Earth and the destruction of indigenous ways of life. We look to further our vision through the realization of projects that protect our diverse cultures: lands, medicines, language and ceremonial ways of prayer and through projects that educate and nurture our children.

### **Origins of the Grandmothers' Council:**

In the fall of 2004 thirteen indigenous Grandmothers gathered from the four directions, from Alaska, North, South, and Central America; Africa; and Asia. They came together at the Tibet House Menla Mountain Retreat center in upstate New York. Within three days they formed a [Global Alliance](#) for the good of all beings.

The Council was set in motion by a common vision, prophecies seeded decades ago in many people around the world. One of these seeds was planted by members of the [Center for Sacred Studies](#) which helps facilitate the Grandmothers many activities.

[www.grandmotherscouncil.org](http://www.grandmotherscouncil.org)

[www.forthenext7generations.com](http://www.forthenext7generations.com)

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