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GENTLE THUNDER TO PERFORM AT FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY

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

GRAMMY® and Indian Summer Music Award nominees hailing from Mt. Shasta, CA and Tucson, AZ, bring their musical alchemy to Minneapolis for the first time. 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!* Sunday September 10, 2006, 7 PM at First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis, 900 Mt. Curve Avenue. Tickets - Advance \$20 / Door \$25 / All Ages welcome. Tickets available: Electric Fetus – 2000 Fourth Ave. S. ~ Online: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6245 ~ Charge by phone: 1-800-838-3006 ~ More info: (651) 453-0893 or visit: www.1GentleThunder.com .

Gentle Thunder enchants audiences worldwide with her distinctive sound, powerful drumming and heart filled presence. The trio's eclectic blend of world instruments 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 Amo improvises masterfully 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. 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.*" 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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