

## GENTLE THUNDER & JOHN SARANTOS IN CONCERT

**Mount Shasta, CA** – *A Joyous Evening of Music* with GRAMMY® award nominated multi-instrumentalist and musical intuitive, Gentle Thunder with very special guest John Sarantos on contemporary Native American flutes Thursday April 24, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Mount Shasta Resort. Gentle Thunder will offer her spirit infused musical magic on grand hammer dulcimer and a plethora of Native American flutes. Contemporary Native American flute artist and educator John Sarantos will be opening the evening of music as well as joining Gentle Thunder on a few improv duets during her set. John has a collection of flutes and stories to behold. These internationally acclaimed artists first met in Montana 9 years ago and are both known for their distinctive sound and heart filled presence. Gentle Thunder’s music has been described as “direct and organic” by Jim Fusilli – The Wall Street Journal and “heartfelt, glorious, enchanting and celebratory” by RJ Lannan- New Age Reporter. Tickets \$20 at the door (open at 6:30 p.m.).



One of the World's pre-eminent Native American flute instructors, John Sarantos hails from Michigan and has facilitated weekend and week-long contemporary Native American flute workshops from coast-to-coast for over 20 years. For the past 16 years, he has facilitated with Ken Light and R. Carlos Nakai at the Renaissance of the Native American Flute workshop in Montana. In 2006 & 2008 he was a main presenter and performer at the International Native American Flute Association convention. A respected educator, John holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Winona State University and has been accredited and licensed as a K-12 teacher in OR, IL, KY, MN, NY, WI and MI. John also has an extensive background in the business of entertainment. He has acted in over 35 commercials, 5 feature films, and created and produced and starred in Mr. Moon’s Magic Circus for CBS-TV.

Gentle Thunder feels blessed to call Mount Shasta home for the past 20 years yet is internationally known for her authentic presence, passionate connection to the Earth and distinctive style on handcrafted wooden flutes, drums and hammer dulcimer. 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. Wherever Gentle Thunder plays music she allows herself to be played as an instrument through which Great Spirit speaks. More information: (530) 925-4495  
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