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**GENTLE THUNDER TRIO RETURNS TO KUUMBWA JAZZ CENTER**

GRAMMY® and Indian Summer Music Award nominees hailing from Mt. Shasta, CA and Tucson, AZ, bring their musical alchemy back to Santa Cruz for an evening Beyond Words. Former Santa Cruz resident and internationally acclaimed multi-instrumentalist (grand hammer dulcimer, drums 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 is Beyond Words! Bill Binkelman, New Age Reporter writes, "*unbridled musical magic fueled by three artists who have true mastery over their instruments, abundant love for one another and unmistakable joy with which they play.*" The trio kicked off their CD release tour this past January in Santa Cruz to an outrageous near capacity audience and are delighted to return on Sunday December 3, 2006, 7:30 PM at Kuumbwa Jazz Center -320-2 Cedar St., Santa Cruz. Advance \$15 / Door \$20 / Tickets available:  
Online: [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/8685](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/8685) ~ Charge by phone: 1-800-838-3006 ~ More information: (530) 925-4495 or visit: [www.1GentleThunder.com](http://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. Bill Binkelman, New Age Reporter writes, I "*If you ever get the chance to see Gentle Thunder, Will Clipman and AmoChip Dabney, don't hesitate for a second!*" 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 adds textures on piano, bass guitar, and soprano sax. Her previous solo releases: *Awakening Remembrance* and *Winds of the Heart* charted in the Top 100 New Age Reporter. 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 New Age Reporter, has been nominated Best Contemporary Instrumental album at the 2006 Indian Summer Music Awards and is on the first round ballot for this year's GRAMMY Awards – Best New Age Album. 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.*" Experience this exceptional alchemy LIVE ... a musical landscape of improvisation, spirit and new world music that is simply Beyond Words! ~ [www.1GentleThunder.com](http://www.1GentleThunder.com)

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