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Wed., January 24th

Brooke Grove Retirement
Village – Bldg. #1639
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
(Private Performance)

Tuesday, January 30th

Riderwood – Arbor Ridge
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
(Private Performance)

Monday, February 5th

Brightview/Fallsgrove
Senior Living
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
(Private Performance)

Thursday, February 8th

Churchill Senior Living
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
(Private Performance)

Wed. February 21st

Brooke Grove Retirement
Village – Rehab Bldg.
10:45 am to 11:45 am
(Private Performance)

Wed. February 21st

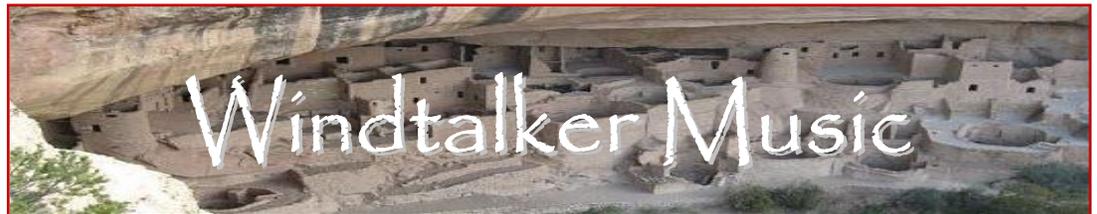
Brooke Grove Retirement
Village – Westbrook Club
House
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
(Private Performance)

Friday, February 23rd

The Village at Rockville
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
(Private Performance)

Monday, March 5th

Germantown Recreation
Center
18905 Kingsview Drive
Germantown, MD 20874
11:00 am to 12:00 pm
(Open to the Public)



New Year – New Gear!

When you are a "one-man band," you are not only the performer but you are also the marketing director, the roadie, the sound engineer, the merchandise salesman, as well as the accounts payable and accounts receivable manager. Each of my one-hour shows is actually about five hours of work, if you include drive time, set-up, performing, and tear-down. And that does not even take into consideration the hours spent advertising, following up with the client and completing all the associated paperwork. It is a reality that I have accepted for many years. I think it is every musician's dream to simply arrive at the venue, do a sound check, and then just perform. Unfortunately, that does not happen very often.

So when the opportunity presents itself to make the work a bit easier, you jump at it. That is what happened early this year. After six years of lugging a full sound system to every venue, which included a 35 lb. carrying case (rack) that housed my CD player and a keyboard stand to place it on, I finally made the leap into the digital realm. I replaced the rack and CD player with an I-Pad that now has all of my backing tracks loaded into it, compliments of I-Tunes, and a lightweight music stand to set it on. To say that it has been a major step forward for me is

an understatement. And though I am a bit technically challenged when it comes to anything remotely resembling a computer and am still getting the hang of cueing up each song, my back is extremely thankful for no longer having to wrestle with the rack and keyboard stand. In addition, the new set-up takes up a lot less real estate on stage, which is extremely helpful in some of the smaller venues I play in.



Public Performances

Although I announced late last year that I would not be doing any "public performances" in 2018, you may have noticed that several of them appear on my schedule. I suppose I should have been more specific and stated that I would not be doing an "evening public performances." I will, however, be giving "weekday" public performances at both the Germantown Recreation Center and at the Holiday Park Senior Center, in Wheaton, Maryland. The Holiday Park shows are for "seniors only." So, if you happen to have free time during the day, I hope to see you at one of these shows.

One World Music Radio Update

Although it was released in April of 2016, songs from my CD, "Hózhó – Walking in Beauty," which was nominated for the "2016 Best Native American Album" by One World Music Radio, are still receiving airplay. In January, I was excited to be informed by the host of OWM's "Dreaming Flute" program that the song, "Streams of Peace" would be one of the featured songs on its "Dreaming Flute #22" compilation. It is simply thrilling to hear my music being played on this station as well as on Pandora, Spotify, and other online streaming stations.

Performance Schedule (continued)

Wednesday, March 14th

Marian Assisted Living
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
(Private Performance)

Thursday, March 22nd

Country Meadows of
Frederick
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
(Private Performance)

Friday, March 30th

Brooke Grove Retirement
Village – Bldg. #1612
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
(Private Performance)

Wednesday, April 18th

Holiday Park Senior Center
3950 Ferrara Drive
Wheaton, MD 20906
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
(Open to the Public –
Seniors Only)

Thursday, April 26th

Asbury Methodist Village –
Hefner Auditorium
7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
(Private Performance)

Monday, May 7th

Germantown Recreation
Center
18905 Kingsview Drive
Germantown, MD 20874
11:00 am to 12:00 pm
(Open to the Public)

Wednesday, May 9th

Winter Growth Adult Day
Care
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
(Private Performance)

Monday, May 21st

Asbury Methodist Village –
Kindley Hall
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
(Private Performance)

Wednesday, May 23rd

Brooke Grove Retirement
Village – Bldg. #1635
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
(Private Performance)

Wednesday, June 6th

Marian Assisted Living
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
(Private Performance)

Wednesday, June 13th

Brooke Grove Retirement
Village – Rehab Bldg.
10:45 am to 11:45 am
(Private Performance)

I spend most of my time performing for the “elders” in our communities and share my music and my wife’s photos with them as a sign of respect and appreciation. Below are 10 ways in which Native Americans honor their “elders,” all of which can be done whether or not you are Native.

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10 Ways to Respect Your Native Elders

Listen More

“We have two ears and one mouth for a reason.” When in the presence of an elder, make sure to listen more than you speak as an elder’s words come from a place with many decades of experience.

Be Polite

If you are in the presence of an elder, being polite is a demonstration of respect. If they are talking, listen, and if they ask you a question, respond respectfully and with a calm tone. Do not interrupt them and always ask if they need anything. Do not address them by their first name unless they have given you permission. If you do not know their name, you may use sir or ma’am again unless they tell you different. If meeting an elder for the first time, do not sit with them unless you ask permission.

Ask for Advice

It’s a shame to think an elder, who has had a lifetime of experience, would ever be overlooked for their advice. If you are ever in need of advice about how to respond in a life situation, take some time out of your day to seek the counsel of an elder.

Visit With Them

Sometimes Native elders spend time without the benefit of their communities because they may be at home, in an elder retirement facility or simply sitting alone during a powwow or other social occasion. It is a great show of respect to visit with them and bring the community to them.

Let Them Eat First

In many tribal communities it goes without saying that at any social event, the elders eat first. In any case, you can show an elder respect by offering to get them a plate before you get anything for yourself.

Ask About Traditions

It’s a great show of respect to ask the Native elders of the tribe (family) to tell you about your traditions and culture. You can also learn from them in the process, which not only is respectful, but of benefit to learning the ways of your ancestors. Whether you know the language of your tribe or not, offering to speak words, learn words and share your Native language is a sign of respect for the ways of your tribe. You will learn in the process no matter how well you speak, if you don’t speak the language it is a great way to start.

Ask About Their Lives

By asking an elder about their life, you can hear some of the most amazing stories. It also shows that you are interested in them, and that you care. Something as simple as asking an elder to tell you their stories shows a great deal of respect and reverence for an elder who deserves it.

Give Them a Call

Sometimes we are not close enough to see an elder in person, but this certainly does not mean we cannot reach out to them in a personal way. In our busy lives it’s easy to forget the amount of meaning an elder will experience if we take time out of our day to say hello.

Tell Them You Respect and Appreciate Them

Though we may practice respect to our Native elders by listening, being polite or visiting, how often do we actually say, “I respect you greatly and appreciate that you are here.” This may seem simple, but it can be overlooked. If possible, the next time you see an elder that has been a positive force in your life, tell them this message of respect.