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GENTLE THUNDER JOINS CRAIG CHAQUICO AT THE BRITT

Jacksonville, OR - The State of Jefferson's very own GRAMMY® nominated, multi-platinum recording artist, composer, producer and former guitarist of Jefferson Starship/Starship, Craig Chaquico and his outstanding world class band will perform at The Britt Festival in Jacksonville, OR. On July 11, 2008 Chaquico will return home to showcase the full spectrum of his impressive four decade career, including several of his Jefferson Starship/ Starship classic rock hits with vocals and a special guest appearance by fellow resident 2006 GRAMMY® nominated multi-instrumentalist, recording artist, composer and producer, Gentle Thunder. The concert will be opened by flamenco guitarist Jesse Cook at 7:30 PM. Tickets Reserved: \$39.00; Lawn: \$24.00; Child (0-12): \$19.00 and available at the Britt Box office and online at www.BrittFest.org . For more information about these artists visit: www.CraigChaquico.com or www.GentleThunder.com



After four decades at the top of the charts ('70s, '80s, 90s, '00s) Craig started as band member, lead guitarist, principal songwriter, co-producer, and arranger with the legendary multi-platinum Jefferson Starship/Starship (1973-1990). Chaquico was instrumental in making the Jefferson Airplane & Jefferson Starship/Starship combination among the TOP 10 most successful acts in history, receiving 20 gold records. According to the RIAA this prestigious position is shared only with Elvis Presley, Barbra Streisand, The Rolling Stones, Neil Diamond, The Beatles, Frank Sinatra, Elton John, and Bob Dylan among others.

In the '90s and the '00s Chaquico then transformed into an award-winning solo smooth jazz artist and producer selling more than a million copies on his own. He was #1 on the Billboard Charts, Guitar Player Magazines' Readers Poll #1 Best Pop Instrumental Guitarist and Jazz Is magazine included him in the top 100 most influential jazz guitar players of all time. He has developed an incredible "Best of Both Worlds Hybrid Tour" that incorporates many of his classic rock hits with Jefferson Starship/Starship with vocals by Rolf Hartley as well as hits from his #1 solo smooth jazz records, highlighting his awe inspiring skill with a guitar, while incorporating a little musical magic from multi-instrumentalist Gentle Thunder.

Gentle Thunder lives in Mt. Shasta, CA, and enchants audiences worldwide with her distinctive sound and heart filled presence. *Beyond Words*, her third release (a trio album with Will Clipman & AmoChip Dabney) was



GRAMMY nominated Best New Age Album in 2006. Her most recent solo release, *Opening the Gate*, has been getting frequent airplay on JPR's "Open Air", reached #13 in New Age Reporter Top 100 and was nominated Best Native American album in the 2007 NAR Lifestyle Music Awards. The Wall Street Journal calls her music "direct and organic".

Gentle Thunder made her first cameo appearance on Native American flute with Chaquico at the Britt Festival in July 2007 that initiated her joining the band on several dates around the country this past year whenever her recording and tour schedule allowed. This upcoming concert will be a one-year anniversary of this creative weaving that there has been so much of a buzz about. This special event will bring Chaquico's "Best of Both Worlds Hybrid Tour" back home, so to speak, as all these stellar artists co-create an amazing full night of music under the stars!

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