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Wed., January 10<sup>th</sup>

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

Wed., January 17<sup>th</sup>

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

Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

Wed., January 24<sup>th</sup>

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

Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

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

Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

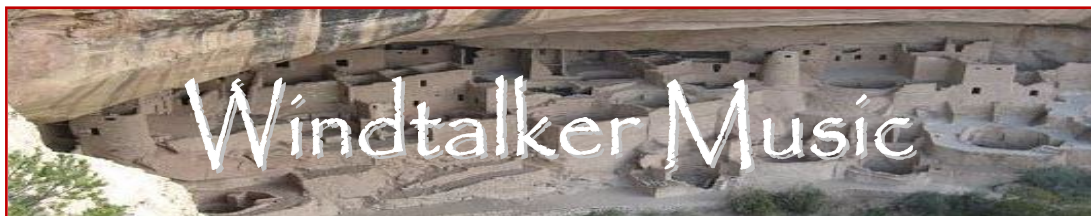
Brightview/Fallsgrove  
Senior Living  
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
(Private Performance)

Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

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

Wed., February 21<sup>st</sup>

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



## 2017 – What an Amazing Year!

Now that 2018 is almost upon us, I am reflecting on 2017 and what a marvelous year it was for me and Windtalker Music.

Number of Shows: 81 (the most shows in one year, ever.)

Number of Venues: 27

Number of people performed to: 2,500

Number of CDs Sold: 115

Recording Session: 1 (provided flute part for “The Ballad of Grey Wolf”)

And just in case you thought musicians make a bunch of money on streaming, downloads and licensing of their music:

Internet Streams & Downloads: 85,134 - \$203.00

Digital Licensing/YouTube Use: 61,671 - \$27.50

When I first began my musical journey with the Native American flute back in 2000, never in my wildest dreams, did I ever imagine how my career would flourish and how many people I would be able to touch with my music. It has been an amazing journey; one that I plan on continuing in the future though in some different ways.

As you know, I will be drastically cutting back on my performance schedule for 2018 to get ready for our retirement in the spring of 2019. I have completed booking 31 shows for next year with my regular clients but am still open to booking special events and house concerts. If you hear of a special event where you feel my performance would be a good fit, or if you would like to schedule a house concert, please contact me at [windtalkermusic@gmail.com](mailto:windtalkermusic@gmail.com).

As for the extended future, I plan on taking my show on the road as we travel around the country in our RV. Hopefully, I will be able to bring the “Windtalker Experience” to RV parks, state parks and National Parks around the country. We are also looking at the possibility of providing online concerts from around the country using an online platform where you can watch and listen to the concert and even provide tips. Stay tuned for more on this.

## “The Ballad of Grey Wolf”



On November, 30<sup>th</sup>, I had the distinct honor to provide Native American flute for a song written by local singer/songwriter, David Jacobson. The song, “The Ballad of Grey Wolf” will be used to promote the book, “The Grey Wolf,” written by David’s childhood friend, Jerome Beser, founder of the Beser Foundation for Archival Research and Preservation, and was written to raise money for the foundation. This was the first time that I have ever served as a “studio musician”



and it was a wonderful experience, with much less pressure than being the primary recording artist. When I arrived at Invisible Sound Studios, in Baltimore, Dave was completing some guitar parts, so I sat and listened and formulated what I was going to play in my head. Amazingly, after a quick run through of the song to make sure the mix in my headphones was right, we were off and running.

## Performance Schedule (continued)

Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
The Village at Rockville  
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
(Private Performance)

Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
Germantown Recreation  
Center  
18905 Kingsview Drive  
Germantown, MD 20874  
11:00 am to 12:00 pm  
(Open to the Public)

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
Marian Assisted Living  
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm  
(Private Performance)

Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Country Meadows of  
Frederick  
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
(Private Performance)

Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>  
Brooke Grove Retirement  
Village – Bldg. #1612  
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
(Private Performance)

Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
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 26<sup>th</sup>  
Asbury Methodist Village –  
Hefner Auditorium  
7:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
(Private Performance)

Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Germantown Recreation  
Center  
18905 Kingsview Drive  
Germantown, MD 20874  
11:00 am to 12:00 pm  
(Open to the Public)

Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Winter Growth Adult Day  
Care  
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
(Private Performance)

Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Asbury Methodist Village –  
Kindley Hall  
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
(Private Performance)

## “The Ballad of Grey Wolf” (cont.)

It was extremely gratifying to see Dave through the control room glass nodding his approval of what I was playing and after only one take he exclaimed, “That’s perfect. Just what I was looking for.”

The song was recorded, mixed and will be mastered by engineer Dave Nachodsky and has a release date in early 2018. The song will also be shopped to major record labels. I will alert you on the status of the completed song as soon as I get an update.

## New Year’s Resolutions

Now is the time of year when we all begin to think about New Year’s resolutions; those things that we vow to change in the coming year to make us better people. For some it is eating healthier or exercising more. For others it may be keeping up with family and friends more or getting their finances in order.

Here is some Native American wisdom that you may want to incorporate into your own resolutions for 2018.

*Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents; it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children.*

- Cherokee Proverb

*It does not require many words to speak the truth.*

– Chief Joseph, Nez Perce

*Seek wisdom, not knowledge. Knowledge is of the past – Wisdom is of the future.*

– Lumbee

*Certain things catch your eye,  
But pursue only those that capture your heart.*

– Old Indian saying

*Wisdom comes only when you stop looking for it and start living the life the Creator intended for you.*

– Hopi

*O’ Great Spirit  
help me always  
to speak the truth quietly,  
to listen with an open mind  
when others speak,  
and to remember the peace  
that may be found in silence.*

– Cherokee Prayer

*Do not wrong or hate your neighbor for it is not he that you wrong, but yourself.*

– Pima

*Humankind has not woven the web of life.*

*We are but one thread within it.*

*Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.*

*All things are bound together.*

*All things connect.*

– Chief Seattle