



## ABOUT MAGGIE SANSONE

America's premier hammered dulcimer player and recording artist, Maggie Sansone pioneering artistry has brought the ringing beauty of her music to hundreds of thousands of music lovers around the world. She has thirteen solo recordings including her new recording *Wind Drift* that was featured on NPR's *A Thistle & Shamrock* where host Fiona Ritchie said "Maggie Sansone sets us off on a journey... and with hands across the water, reveals a great variety of authentic acoustic delights." The *Washington Post* has said of Maggie's work: "Few recordings span the gap of generations so gracefully... she's managed to balance art and accessibility, past and present, with unusual care and deftness." Sansone has been the focus of much

praise by the press as the most exciting and innovative hammered dulcimer player recording today. Her awards include INDIE awards from the Association of Independent Record Distributors, and dozens of nominations and WAMMIE awards from the Washington Area Music Association including *Irish/Celtic instrumentalist* and *record label*. She was the recipient of the prestigious ANNIE Award for Performing Arts in Maryland. Sansone produces Celtic and holiday concerts and has performed in a variety of venues, from the big stage of America's Kennedy Center to Celtic and Renaissance festivals and street fairs with her puppet show *Rover-dance*. Sansone was featured on CBS-TV *Sunday Morning*, Maryland Public Television; NPR's *All Things Considered*, *Performance Today*, *the Thistle & Shamrock* and *XM Radio*. As teacher and author she has created a series of music books for Mel Bay Publications that feature transcriptions of her music and playing style and was included in their *Hammered dulcimer Anthology Series* featuring America's finest performers and teachers. She is founder and CEO of the independent record company, Maggie's Music, Inc. with twelve recording artists and over fifty five albums in world-wide distribution. Three of these albums- *Mist and Stone*, *Sounds of the Season*, and *Ancient Noels*- have won Indie awards from the Association of Independent Record Distributors and eight time WAMMIE winner for *Record Label of the Year*. Unique partnerships include Sony/BMG's DVD *Scottish Christmas with Bonnie Rideout*; Time-Life's *Celtic Tapestry*, (2-CD set from the Maggie's Music catalog). Maggie's own recordings are: *Wind Drift*, *A Celtic Fair*, *Mystic Dance*, *Celtic Meditations*, *A Traveler's Dream*, *Dance Upon the Shore*, *Mist & Stone*, *Traditions*; *Ancient Noels* (with Ensemble Galilei), *Sounds of the Season*, *Sounds of the Season II*, *A Scottish Christmas* (with Bonnie Rideout and Al Petteway) and *Merrily Greet the Time* (with Sue Richards).

"How does Maggie Sansone deliver on her latest album's promise of "Celtic grooves, mystic moods"? Swiftly, elegantly, soulfully! Sansone sets into motion nimbly woven instrumentals - some ancient, some original, each charming in its own way." *The Washington Post*

[Wind- Drift] Sansone once again shows she plays and composes some of the most engaging acoustic Irish/Celtic and world fusion music being released today." *New Age Retailer*

"Steeped in tradition yet often wed to the contemporary...with unexpected color, rhythmic vitality and a venturesome spirit." *The Washington Post*

"The most exciting and innovative hammered dulcimer player recording today...She has a fire and passion to her playing!" *Dirty Linen Folk & World Music Magazine*

"A rich and intoxicating blend of contemporary instrumental rhythms and traditional Celtic styling...world fusion of the highest caliber." *Jam Magazine*

"In Sansone's hands, the hammered dulcimer not only dances, it swings. With understanding and musicianship, she adapts traditional tunes suited to it while retaining their Celtic roots." *Irish Edition*

"A visionary meeting of Celtic and world music influences, Sansone explores the entire palette of dulcimer sounds, alternately expressing its melodic, percussive and harmonic sides." *AFIM (Association for Independent Music)*