

Flutist Kenneth Hooper explores a variety of soulful soundscapes on his first solo recording

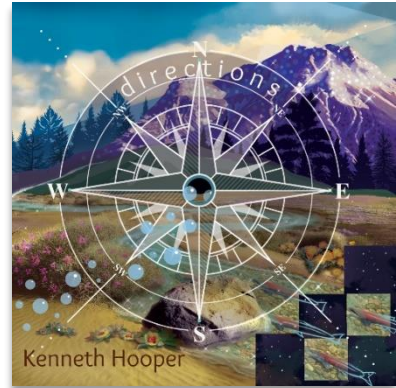
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Anchored by Kenneth Hooper's soulful flute playing, *Directions* is an album that traverses a variety of approaches to Native American-inspired flute music. By turns mystical and haunting (the opening title track, accented by nature sounds), infusing the flute melodies with subtle drama ("All Who Wander") or a more playful attitude ("Springtime Dreaming"),

or exploring expansive quasi-ambient sonic sculptures ("Within" or "Graceful Expanse"), one aspect remains clear, i.e. this is the work of an artist with a distinct vision and the artistic talent to see it come to fruition. Joined by two highly talented guest artists—Gian Berselli on acoustic guitars, bass, vocals and keyboards, and Chelsea Kirby on vocals—Hooper guides the listener on not just a cross-cultural musical voyage but a deeply introspective journey exploring the influence of Native flute on both the contemporary instrumental music and New Age music scenes. The result is not just an excellent first solo release from Hooper, but an album worthy to stand alongside such staples as John Huling's *Desert Plateau* and Lorrie Sarafin's *Many Paths* (among others) as an example of infusing the melodicism of the Native flute with a variety of elements traversing the ambient and New Age Genres.

Noted reviewer **Bill Binkelman** (New Age Retailer magazine and the blog Wind and Wire) has this to say: *"I am always surprised when a 'relative newcomer' [note: this is Hooper's first solo release after two previous albums with another artist] to recording and releasing music arrives in such splendid fashion which is my reaction when listening to Kenneth Hooper's Directions. This is music suffused with both an emotional maturity and compositional and performing acumen that equates more to a seasoned veteran than a relative novice. The sky will be the limit for Kenneth Hooper, it appears. It will be exciting to see what comes next from him."*



TRACKS

Directions	8:19
All Who Wander	8:15
Trailblazers	6:20
Springtime Dreaming	9:20
Within	7:10
Coming Home	8:15
Graceful Expanse	4:44
From The Deep	11:44
Omens Of Change	12:17

All songs composed by Kenneth Hooper and Gian Berselli
Produced, arranged, recorded, mixed and mastered by Gian Berselli at Astral Wolf Records, Berkeley California
Kenneth Hooper: Flutes, drums, Rav drums, vocals
Gian Berselli: acoustic guitars, bass, vocals, keyboards
Chelsea Kirby: vocals

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