

## PRESS QUOTES - KEVIN LOCKE

“Music to sustain the heart.” *Time-Life*

“The arts and humanities meet in Locke’s performance, nowhere more impressively than in the hoop dances, where he crafts rhythmically entrancing, visually astounding statements about the human condition with ever-shifting tableaux of twirling hoops.”

*Washington Post*

“When Locke, a Lakota flutist and dancer, brings a wooden instrument alive, time bends. Cultural barriers fall. People connect.” *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel*

“With one hoop, Kevin Locke made it look easy. After slipping a hoop over his head, he then glided out – a leg through here, an arm through there. There was never a moment’s hesitation. It was all one fluid action. When he was done, he was enshrouded by the multi-colored hoops, all of which somehow stayed suspended. It was an effortless performance, but it looked anything but easy.” *The Seattle Times*

“... learning a hummed melody, listening to tales of how it felt to ride bareback around a sleeping village, playing love melodies to a sweetheart in the dark night... Kevin Locke has restored to the world a lovely sound. He is a leader of that movement in bringing back that sound... he is also a dancer of great distinction... a brilliant Lakota artist.” *CBS News, Charles Kurault*

“Kevin Locke is a tradition-steeped artist on the Plains flute, and a skilled practitioner of the Native American hoop dance. But those accomplishments say nothing of his gifts as a communicator, nor of his ability to weave the thread of connection through audiences of disparate cultures.” *Tucson Citizen*

“Mr. Locke has the rare ability to tell sophisticated tales in a way that children understand, but without condescension.” ***Dallas Morning News***

“Kevin Locke’s heartfelt call for self-esteem, racial harmony and spiritual wholeness is a genuinely uplifting statement in song, word and dance.” ***Calgary Herald***

“To Kevin Locke, the flute does so much more than make a pleasant sound. A Locke concert is a time to put away the negative thoughts and conflicts and just get along. That’s how a flute can make a difference.” ***The News Sentinel***