



# Kevin Locke

**Ixtlan Artists Group, Inc.**

*Virtuoso performers - a commitment  
to education and diversity*

**Kevin performs solo or with his ensemble, The Kevin Locke Trio,  
and has received funding from Arts Midwest,  
the Heartland Fund and the South Dakota Arts Council.**

**Kevin Locke, The First Flute, Makoché Records...**  
*"Best Traditional Recording."* **2000 Native American Music Awards**

Among American Indian artists of North America, none is more famous than Kevin Locke, a Lakota dancer and indigenous flute player. Reared on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in South Dakota, Kevin lived with an elderly uncle who spoke only Lakota. It was from him that Kevin got his first training in the traditions of his culture. Kevin is an exquisite player of the seven-note cedarwood flute. Many elder Lakota say he is better than those they remember from long ago. Yet, Kevin came to national attention first as a hoop dancer...a brilliant performer in that ancient and honorable Lakota tradition involving 28 hoops in a complex and acrobatic dance in which they twirl and intertwine to create images of the seasons, of the Moon and Sun, of flowers, butterflies, and of the Way of Life. Kevin has performed his music and dance in over 70 countries, sharing his vision of balance, joy and diversity.

*"Kevin Locke has restored to the world a lovely sound. He is also a dancer of great distinction...a brilliant, young, Lakota artist."* **Charles Kuralt, CBS News**

*"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."*

**The Washington Post**

*"An effortless performance, but it looked anything but easy."* **The Seattle Times**



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