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## **Ghandharva: Live Performance in Hadley, MA**

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**HACKETTSTOWN, NJ - February 23, 2006** - Alan Bruggeman and Chuck Wood, the North West New Jersey percussion duo known as Ghandharva, will make their debut in the Amherst / Northampton area with a concert on Saturday, March 4, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. at Inspirit Common in Hadley, MA. The not-to-be-missed concert will highlight exciting tracks from their self-titled CD release, as well as new material.

Ghandharva more than lives up its Hindu deity namesake's musical ability. According to Hindu legend, these winged Centaur-like creatures play heavenly music to which their lovers dance before the Gods. Both the musicians and the dancers are reputed to be inspirations for love, life and laughter.

So, too, with Ghandharva's music. From the opening drum beat of their recording to the last echoing tone, listeners are taken on an exotic, joyful journey that invites the imagination, teases the senses and sets pulses racing.

Ghandharva performs inspired instrumental pieces of music using an eclectic blend of international percussion instruments, including the tabla, madol, balafon, djundjun, conga, singing bowls, djembe, doumbek, berimbau, shekere and bells. They infuse the traditional music and rhythms of West African, East Indian, Brazilian and Cuban music with the dynamics and attitude of Rock & Roll to create a refreshingly unique, meditative hybrid percussive sound. Their recording also features a guest appearance by percussionist John Hummel and a spoken word piece by Tao and Chi Nei instructor Ron Diana of the Healing Tao of New Jersey, Hillsdale.

Tickets for the event are \$10. Since Seating is limited, advance tickets are available now by phone: 413-585-1169 or in person at Inspirit Common. Inspirit Common is located at 123 Russell Street, Hadley, MA 01035.

### **About Ghandharva**

Bruggeman and Wood have been performing together since Spring 2001. With 17 years experience playing drum set and seven years on tabla and hand percussion, Bruggeman has performed and recorded with several New York/New Jersey area bands, including The Rings Project, The Fiends, and The John Ginty Band, as well as Coleman Barks & David Whetstone, David Darling, Bobby McFerrin and Krishna Das. Born in Paterson, NJ, he has had a lifelong interest in eastern intergral practices.

Born in Morristown, NJ, Wood has been playing and studying hand percussion for more than 25 years. His teachers included such great talents as M'Bemba Bangoura, Baba Olatunji, Mohammed Camara, Yayo Nelson, Ladji Camara and Mar Gueye. He has appeared live and recorded with such performers as Neal Casal, Robert Randolph and the Family Band, David Darling, Bobby McFerrin, Tribe after Tribe, Three Fish, and The John Ginty Band. For more information about Ghandharva, [www.ghandharva.com](http://www.ghandharva.com)

### **About Inspirit Common**

Inspirit Common is a unique mind/body/spirit center offering yoga, massage, healing arts, life readings, workshops and inspired gifts. We invite you to participate in our community: learn, practice, instruct, heal, or create.

Inspirit Common is located on Route 9 in Hadley, MA and is open most days from 10a – 6p. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.InspiritCommon.com/>.

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