

# Jonny Lipford

Professional recording, performing and teaching artist of  
Native American-style flutes

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## BIOGRAPHY

Jonny Lipford has made his mark as one of the most versatile musicians of ancient wooden flutes in the United States since the beginning of his musical journey with Native American-style flutes in 2002. As an instructor, recording artist and consistently memorable performer, Jonny Lipford is a true inspiration. Lipford has taught hundreds to play the Native American-style flute over the course of the years. His passion for connecting and instructing students in a meaningful and charismatic way has led him to be one of the most sought after instructors of the Native-style flute.

For his newest musical pursuit, he is still exploring and expanding the boundaries of the Native American-style flute, plunging fearlessly into new areas with an ancient instrument. His performances are a fusion of music and message; utilizing the capacity of music to empower and inspire a diverse crowd.

*“Instrumental music is like abstract art for the ears. It’s timeless and limitless,”* says Lipford. That couldn’t ring more true as a quick gaze into the audience reveals people of all creed and color, immersing themselves in the music and message.

## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Jonny Lipford has performed and/or headlined at the following venues/events:

- Native Rhythms Festival – Melbourne, FL
- Sweetgrass Flute & Nature Festival – Hiawatha, IA
- World Flute Society Convention – Eau Claire, WI
- Musical Echoes – Ft. Walton Beach, FL
- Zion Canyon Flute Festival – Springdale, UT
- Potomac Flute Event – Arlington, VA
- FluteQuest – Seattle, WA
- Sunwatch Flute & Art Festival – Dayton, OH
- Renaissance of the North American Flute – Townsend, TN
- Summer Solstice Flute & Art Festival – Park City, UT
  
- University of WI – Eau Claire, WI
- University of WI – Marshfield, WI
- University of FL – Gainesville, FL
- University of IA – Iowa City, IA
- University of NC – Chapel Hill, NC
- University of West Florida – Pensacola, FL

*Aside from this list of events and venues, Jonny Lipford has performed in 32 States and Canada – spending most of 2011 and 2012 actively touring, performing in venues ranging from coffee shops and yoga studios, to large festivals and performing art centers.*

## PROJECTS

- **Transitions**, Audio CD  
2007, Solo Artist, Independent Release
- **Cross Roads**, Audio CD  
2008, Solo Artist, Independent Release
- **Clear Water Reflections**, Audio CD [Compilation]  
2008, Contributing Artist, International Native American Flute Association
- **NAF Jam Tracks**, Audio CD [Compilation]  
2008, Contributing Artist, Manifest Spirit Records
- **Turn The Page**, Audio CD  
2009, Solo Artist, Independent Release
- **Learning to Flute Outside The Box**, Lesson Booklet  
2010, Solo Artist, Independent Release
- **Live From Native Rhythms Festival**, Audio CD [Compilation]  
2010, Contributing Artist, Native Heritage Gathering, Inc.
- **Touch The Earth**, Audio CD [Compilation]  
2011, Contributing Artist, Native Circle
- **The Fourth Key**, Audio CD  
2011, Solo Artist, Independent Release
- **Cedar & Snow**, Audio CD  
2011, Solo Artist, Independent Release
- **A Breeze at 72°**, Audio CD  
2011, Solo Artist, Independent Release
- **Free Spirit Backing Tracks**, Audio CD(s)  
2012, Solo Artist, Independent Release
- **Rhythm of the Rain Horse**, Audio CD  
2012, Solo Artist, Independent Release
- **Dream Catcher**, Audio CD  
2012, Solo Artist, Independent Release
- **Discovering Your Native-style Flute**, Instructional DVD  
2012, Solo Artist, Independent Release
- **Winds of Change**, Audio CD  
2013, Solo Artist, Independent Release

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jonny Lipford has led over 80 workshops over the past 10 years covering subjects relating to the learning the Native-style flute. Jonny Lipford has also been a part of the following Flute Schools, which are multiple days of seminars and workshops back-to-back.

- Native Rhythms Flute School - Melbourne, FL, 2016
- Sweetgrass Flute School - Hiawatha, IA, 2015-2017

*Lipford has also taught over 100 students to play the flute and assisted them in either getting started or advancing their flute technique through private instruction, both online and in person.*

## ACCOLADES

*Jonny Lipford's music and art have been recognized by the following institutions and industry professionals.*

Native American Music Awards, Nomination, 2008  
Native E-Music Awards, Recipient, 2008  
Just Plain Folks Music Awards, Nomination, 2008  
Indian Summer Music Awards, Nomination, 2009  
Native American Music Awards, Nomination, 2009  
Silver Arrow Award, Recipient, 2009  
Native American Music Awards, Nomination, 2010  
Silver Arrow Award, Recipient, 2010  
eWorld Music Awards, Nomination, 2010  
Indian Summer Music Awards, Nomination, 2011  
Silver Arrow Award, Recipient, 2011  
Native American Music Awards, Nomination, 2011  
Indian Summer Music Awards, Recipient, 2012  
Humanity 4 Water, Recipient, 2012  
Indian Summer Music Awards, Recipient, 2013  
Silver Arrow Award, Recipient, 2013  
Indian Summer Music Awards, Nomination, 2014  
Indian Summer Music Awards, Nomination, 2015  
Indian Summer Music Awards, Nomination, 2016  
Native American Music Awards, Nomination, 2017

•**Spirit of the World**, Audio CD  
2013, Solo Artist, Independent Release  
•**Fields of Harmony**, Audio CD  
2014, Co-Artist, Independent Release  
•**Moonsongs**, Audio CD  
2014, Solo Artist, Independent Release  
•**Convergence**, Audio CD  
2015, Solo Artist, Independent Release  
•**Tribal Rhythms**, Audio CD  
2015, Solo Artist, Independent Release  
•**Woodland Peace**, Audio CD  
2015, Solo Artist, Independent Release  
•**JL ONE**, Songbook  
2015, Solo Artist, Independent Release  
•**Corridor Jazz Project**, Audio CD [Compilation]  
2016, Contributing Artist, KCCK 88.3  
•**Waves of Serenity**, Audio CD  
2017, Solo Artist, Independent Release

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## PRESS

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