



# FACT SHEET

## Kendra Ward & Bob Bence

### Mini Profile:

Kendra Ward and Bob Bence are among the most influential and respected performers in traditional music. As full-time musicians since 1985, they have crisscrossed the country and crossed the Atlantic, appearing at festivals, schools, colleges, private functions and even on street corners! They have released seven albums, four books and three videos. For two years they published the award-winning *Dulcimer Times* magazine. These days, Kendra and Bob devote some of their time to building mountain dulcimers, continuing a family tradition that began in 1925.

### Recordings:

- *High Plains Rain* (2000.)
- *Dulcimer Country* (1996.)
- *Some Glad Morning* (1994.)
- *Hammered Dulcimer Special* (1992.)
- *The Hammered Dulcimer Christmas Sampler* (1992.)
- *Down Yonder* (1990.)
- *A Rose Between Two Thorns* (The Lost Echo String Band) (1988.)

### Books:

- *Let's Jam* (2002.)
- *We Wish You A Merry Christmas* (1992.)
- *That Old-Time Religion* (1990.)
- *The Hammered Dulcimer Handbook, Book 1* (1988.)

### Videos:

- *Mountain Dulcimer Basics* (1999.)
- *Playing With Arpeggios* (1998.)
- *Hammered Dulcimer Basics* (1998.)

### Awards & Distinctions:

- Selected to Heartland Arts Fund *Touring Artist Roster*. (2002.)
- Selected to Ohio Arts Council *Touring Artist Roster*. (2001.)
- *The Videographer Award of Excellence – Mountain Dulcimer Basics* video. (2000.)
- *The Videographer Award of Excellence – Playing With Arpeggios* video. (1999.)
- *The Videographer Award of Excellence – Hammered Dulcimer Basics* video. (1998.)
- *The Communicator Crystal Award of Excellence – The Dulcimer Times* magazine. (1998.)

### Instruments Played:

- Kendra: Hammered Dulcimer, Mountain Dulcimer, Autohard, Bass, Flute, Piano
- Bob: Guitar, Mountain Dulcimer, Bass, Banjo, Bouzouki, Bones

### Education:

- Kendra: University of Rio Grande, Bachelor of Science degree in Education.
- Bob: Ohio State University, Bachelor of Science degree in Communication.

### Personal:

- Kendra and Bob were married on December 15, 1985. They live on a 265 acre farm in the Appalachian mountains of southeastern Ohio. Kendra is the third generation of her family to reside here.