**JANICE KEPHART**

**Bio**

Janice Kephart is a prolific and respected soft-spoken music artist and owner of the recording label **Trip Poetry**. All her work is written and performed by Kephart, as well as the designs for cover art, lyric booklets and CDs. Her collaborators include Grammy winners, nominees, and a platinum songwriter. Since she began making music in 2007, Kephart has over 60 published tracks available in the commercial market including six albums, four EPs, four singles and appearances on collaboration records. Her poetry has been nominated for the prestigious Pushcart Poetry Award. Her professional affiliations include The Recording Academy, the Grammys, and ASCAP.

In 2007, Kephart began making music demos at the encouragement of a friend and future collaborator, [Jake Hook](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jake_Hook), a British double platinum songwriter, producer and arranger, which resulted in the 2010 release of the single *Cherry Whispers*. In 2008, she released her first trip poetry EP, *Undone Tears* and EDM singles *Rain Dance* (no. 1 on digital radio) and *Sun Dance*, with two multi-platinum awarded engineer/record producers Kevin Guiterrez (MTV, VH1, the History Channel) and Jesse Scott Giaquinta(J Scott G) (EDM producer with credits including Adam Lambert and commissioned remixes of Madonna, Seal, David Bowie, Paul Oakenfold, Johnny Cash, and Frank Sinatra).

In 2016, Kephart released the album *Kamasutra* with production, new music and sound engineering by two time Grammy nominee Ken Eros, which including a majority of compositions by 2015 Grammy Award winner for Best New Age Album, [Ricky Kej](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ricky_Kej), and mastering by five-time Grammy winner [Gavin Lurssen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gavin_Lurssen) (Lurssen’s productions have won multiple Grammys and Latin Grammys, Oscars, CMAs, TEC Awards). In 2016, Kephart’s single *Curious Girl* appeared as Track 1 of a two box set of over 40 artists including Dan Ackroyd on *Action Moves People – Various Artists*, an album created at the request of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and produced by Grammy Award 2010 winner for Best Children’s Album and two time nominee, Kevin Mackey.

In 2018, Kephart released *Cherokee Voices: A Spoken Soundtrack by the Trail of Tears Women* with music and production by award winning guitarist Buddy Speir and Native American flutes and harmonies by internationally renowned youtube star Alexandro Querevalú(33.5 million views on *Last of the Mohicans* video). The album is critically acclaimed. It is accompanied by an expanded hard back lyric book with historical content. The work is based on her great grandfather Horace Kephart’s book, *The Cherokees of the Smoky Mountains*. Horace Kephart is credited as the founder of the Great Smoky National Park and is the author of the original Boy Scouts of America manual, *Camping and Woodcraft.*

**Discography**

Singles

* *Rain Dance (2008)* (Trip Poetry)
* *Sun Dance (2009)* (Trip Poetry)
* *Cherry Whispers feat.* [*Jake Hook*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jake_Hook) *(2010)* (Trip Poetry)
* *Curious Girl (2016)* (on [Action Moves People – Various Artists](http://www.actionmovespeopleunited.org/fyc-action-moves-people-united-g2016/) – in collaboration the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)

Albums

* *Undone Tears* (2008) (Trip Poetry)
* *Listen to the Forest (2013)* (Trip Poetry)
* *Where Paris Meets the Rain (2014)* (Trip Poetry)
* *Christmas Delight (2014)* (Trip Poetry)
* *Kamasutra (2016)* (Trip Poetry)
* *Cherokee Voices (2018)* (Trip Poetry)