



**Name:** Joanne Shenandoah

**Years:** 1958- present

**Residence:** Oneida, NY

**Biography:** Joanne Shenandoah is a member of the Oneida Nation. She learned tribal song and dance from her father, late Onondaga chief and jazz guitarist, Clifford Shenandoah. Shenandoah started playing in the Syracuse area in the 1980s. To date, she has 17 solo recordings, in addition to multiple group albums. She has performed with musicians such as Bono, Jim Morrison, and Sting. She has performed at Madison Square Garden, The White House, and Carnegie Hall. Shenandoah holds an honorary Doctorate of Music from Syracuse University and received a GRAMMY for her part in the album *Sacred Ground: A Tribute to Mother Earth* (2005).

**Major Accomplishments:** She has received more Native American Music Awards than any other artist, she currently holds 14. She also owns more than 40 other music awards, including a GRAMMY.

**Resources:** MTV Artists, <http://www.mtv.com/artists/joanne-shenandoah/biography/>

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