

"Keeper Of The Beat"

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A Life of Rhythm

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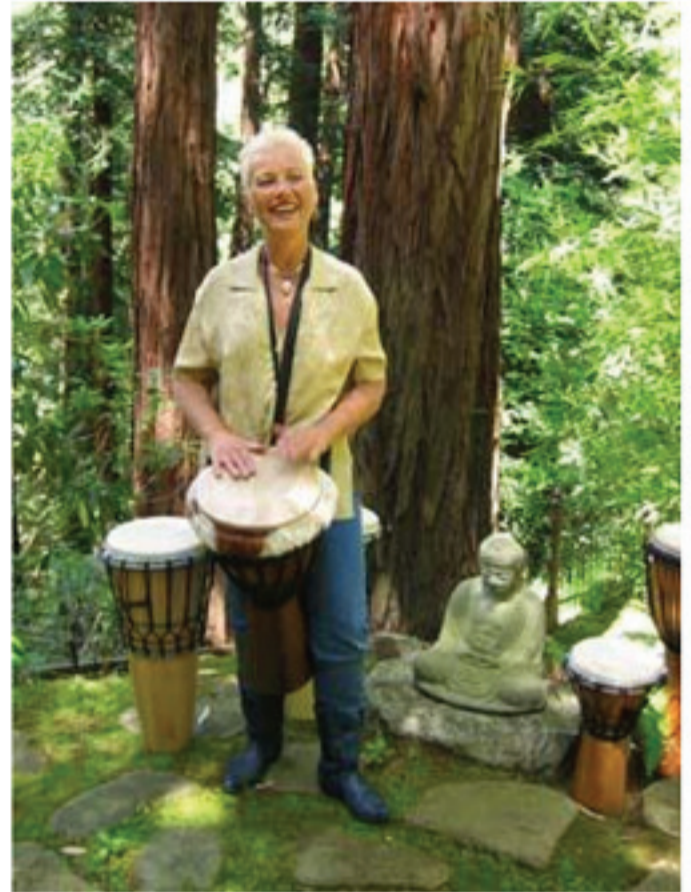
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From pounding out a rhythm on kitchen implements as a child, to traveling the world with a hand drum and an open heart, Marin County resident Barbara Borden has lived life to the pulse of her own beat. It's a journey traced in the new documentary film, *Keeper of the Beat*.

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As a high school and later, college student, Barbara Borden began to realize her fixation on drumming was unusual for her gender, but even then, Borden says, she was too deeply into her craft to be dissuaded.

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Barbara Borden, with some of the tools of her trade

Keeper of the Beat will be shown at the [Rialto Cinemas in Sebastopol](#) on Thursday evening, Feb. 20 at 7 pm, with both the filmmaker and his subject in attendance. You can see the full trailer below.



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