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# Guitarist releases his Song of the Troubadour at Vertigo

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Local guitarist Chris Madsen has been a busy guy as of late.

The former music school owner has not only just released 10 CDs of instrumental guitar music (some of them are re-releases), he has just published his new book, *Song of the Troubadour*, with an accompanying CD.

“I am releasing perhaps the largest volume by a Canadian artist ever at one time,” Madsen told *The Morning Star*.

The prolific musician will read selections from *Song of the Troubadour* at Vernon’s Gallery Vertigo Saturday. A story set in medieval times, the book tells the epic love story about a prince from the Southern Kingdom who sets sail on a beautiful and treacherous journey to find love.

“*Song of the Troubadour* is a deep well of beautiful truths about our life’s journey,” reads the book’s jacket. “It is a love story painted from the palette of the master artist’s own heart.”

Born in Missoula, Montana, Madsen first picked up the guitar at the age of six and has spent his life mastering the instrument.

He will be at Gallery Vertigo between 2 and 4 p.m. and will also perform some of the songs written to accompany the book.

Local artist and illustrator Destanne Norris will also display some of her original drawings that have been used as illustrations in the book.

*Song of the Troubadour*, which includes a CD of original songs by Madsen, will be available for purchase in Gallery Vertigo’s gift boutique, DIZZY. It sells for \$15 and will be signed by the author.