

Love lights the way at celebration

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Chris Madsen welcomes all to the Celebration of Love and Light Event May 23 at the Performing Arts Centre.

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Chris Madsen believes everybody has the potential to live an amazing life, and he's sharing that message in his Celebration of Love and Light Event May 23 at the Vernon Performing Arts Centre. "Simply by being aware of this potential and allowing it to flow is the secret to making the shift," said Madsen, a well-known Vernon performer, composer and music teacher.

It was while performing in concert that Madsen was struck by the simple thought that the answer for almost every situation is love.

"Last year, my own personal growth has allowed me to understand that we all have an incredible song within us," he said.

Madsen said the Celebration of Love and Light Event has been produced to bring about a

beautiful sensation of serenity, oneness, and empowerment and connection with the potential that lives within everyone.

"Mother Teresa said it's not about doing big things, it's about living with love."

Love is a power that all have equal access to, bringing healing, fullness of life and miracles, said Madsen.

"Love fades life issues into solutions that can bring the perfect outcomes, and it does not require any belief system to access its power, it simply requires allowing it to flow through you.

"The answer to bringing peace instead of war, a planet that is being healed instead of destroyed, and healing of personal and society issues is based on to what degree each of us individually and collectively resonates in love."

The evening includes a guided meditation as a way of centering everyone, led by Rev. Dale Jukes of the Centre. Madsen will perform a number of songs throughout the evening, with participants joining in for several of the numbers. Skits will be performed, and dancers and conga players will be part of the event.

"The event wraps up as a lively celebration with everyone singing, clapping, dancing," said Madsen. "This is an evening to be filled with love. It will wash over and through everyone coming to receive it.

"Gandhi said, 'Be the change you wish to see in the world.' Love is that change, the event is the vehicle for it. Your part is to be in attendance and tell as many people as possible. Together we can be the change — how cool is that?"

The event includes a gathering in the lobby following the music and meditation in the theatre. Madsen is encouraging everyone involved in the business of body and soul wellness to use the event as a networking opportunity.

"What I want to see from this event is to have it expand as a grassroots effort for people to know that there are others who feel the same as they do, to empower each other and to share our gifts.

"If you ask the question, 'what would love do now,' love will find a way. Honestly allowing that alignment you're going to have a beautiful life and every moment is simply another moment to express love."

The Celebration of Life and Love Event begins at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance, or \$18 at the door. All ages welcome, tickets are available at TicketSeller, www.ticketseller.ca. Contact Madsen at 558-1960 or e-mail chris@chrismadsen.com.