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Guitarist reawakens as troubadour



Chris Madsen performs songs from his new album, Song of the Troubadour, in concert Nov. 13 at the Performing Arts Centre.

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There is a season to prepare and a season to present. “I’ve been laying low for the past few years, not doing much performing or teaching,” said local guitarist Chris Madsen, who releases his new CD, book and screenplay, Song of the Troubadour, with a concert at the Vernon Performing Arts Centre Nov. 13.

“I’ve been creating. An incredible energy flow has been coming over me. I’m always writing songs, but in 2007, something different happened to me, songs and a book came to me like I was caught up in a spirit. It’s about my life as an artist, the heart and soul of my being, something that will touch lives where they need touching.”

When Madsen started to show the book to people, the general response was that it had to be a film, and in the same unexpected and unexplained way that it all came to him, things are moving in that direction.

Madsen is also pleased that his former music school in the Alpine Centre is now owned and well-operated by his daughter, Shara Madsen, and her mother, Sue, leaving him time to focus on other endeavours.

“The last seven years have been a reflection of meaning in my life, of finding my purpose and choosing to fully immerse myself in making the rest of my life as beautiful as possible,” he said. “I am a master guitarist and that will always be a big part of what I do in touching lives in beautiful ways. I wasn’t planning on writing this book, it just came to me from whatever that source of energy is that allows us to be in contact with the master artist. I’m living in it every moment now.”

Madsen believes that his music reflects the shift of consciousness he sees in people around him as they let go of old beliefs and strive for more connection and unity.

The opening act for Song of the Troubadour will be Barbara Samuel and Neal Klassen, who have just released their first album Shine On, which is nominated for a B.C. Interior Music Award for Soul Recording of the Year.

“People can expect an incredible night, a magical evening, and to be forever changed by the inspiring, uplifting and empowering music,” said Madsen.

Tickets for the concert, which starts at 8 p.m., are \$24 each, available at the Ticket Seller, 549-7469, www.ticketseller.ca.

For more information and free downloads of the book and music, visit www.chrismadsen.com.