

**CONCERT:** Tuesday show kicks off concert series

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I would do that as I went along.”

Ritter attended Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, to study neuroscience, but later changed his major to the self-created “American History Through Narrative Folk Music.” At the age of 21 he recorded his first self-titled album on campus titled “Josh Ritter.”

His most recent album, “Gathering,” marks 20 years of writing and recording music.

“I wrote this album in chunks and it took about a year and a half, which is really the amount of time that it takes to write a good record,” he said.

He found inspiration for the album from his surroundings. Ritter believes that it is really important to write down whatever you are feeling when the inspiration strikes.

“I felt like a bird going out into the world and experiencing special moments and finding inspiration and then bringing them back to the nest,” he said

In 2011, Ritter wrote a novel titled “Bright’s Passage,” a story of a young widowed veteran of the First World War. When asked about the comparison of writing a novel versus writing songs, Ritter said that at first he loved the fact that there

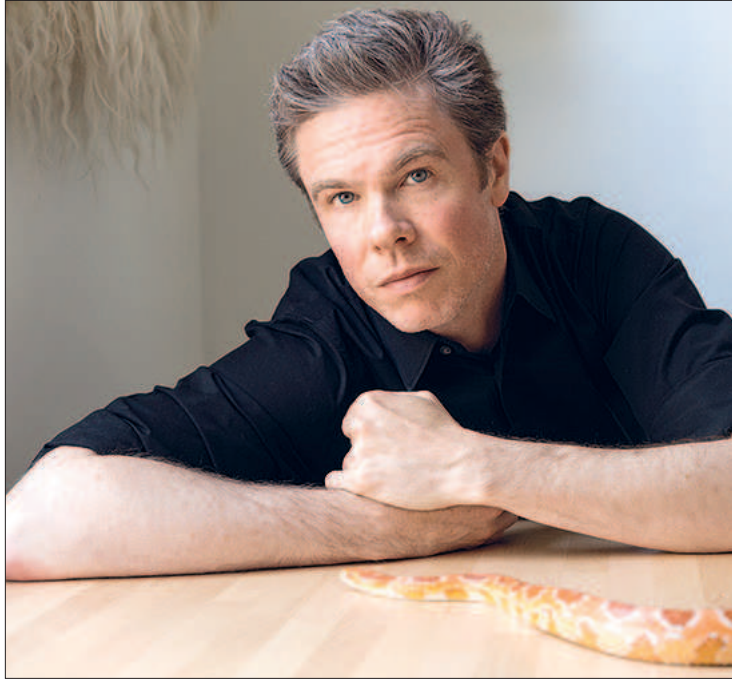


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Acclaimed singer-songwriter Josh Ritter comes to Sisters with The Royal City Band on January 23.

weren’t as many restrictions on novel writing because there doesn’t need to melody or rhyme. But there are many similarities in the disciplines.

“All the things that make a song good make a novel good, and there isn’t as much freedom as you would initially think; the editing process is the same. Every word has to be right in getting across what you want to say,” he said.

Ritter has always been an avid reader and getting ideas from other authors and plans to write another novel somewhere down the line.

“As a songwriter, I enjoy telling stories and this gave me the chance to paint on a different canvas,” he said.

Ritter plays alongside The Royal City Band. Some of the members he’s been playing with since college and some he’s met along his musical path.

**GUSTAFSON:** Camp Sherman man joins Land Trust board

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biking or hiking, he and his wife, Linda, travel and explore natural areas.

“The Land Trust is very fortunate to have Gus join our board of directors,” said Executive Director Brad Chalfant. “His professional background and leadership experience will add additional depth to an already strong board. Since the Land Trust holds and cares for land forever, a key role for our board is to strengthen the connection between the community and the lands we protect. Gus’ background and interest in wildlife has — and will continue — to help us share the stories of wildlife and the land they depend on.”

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Gus Gustafson brings a distinguished professional background to the DLT Board of Directors.

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