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Pete Kartsounes is a veteran bluegrass and acoustic musician. With his new DJPK persona and albums, he embraces more electronic sounds and beats.

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‘Everything’s improv’

Kartsounes unleashes DJPK on two new albums

BY DAVID JASPER • The Bulletin

Bend musician Pete Kartsounes explores new sonic territory on his two new releases, “The Big Chill” and “Dig Deep,” which debuted April 20.

That’s saying a lot for a musician with as diverse of a musical background as Kartsounes, a veteran of the Colorado bluegrass and folk scene.

He’s even cooked up an alter-ego for the project, dubbing himself DJPK. Kartsounes has lived in Central Oregon the past four years, most of which the multi-instrumentalist was on the road touring with the group Good Time Travelers. “It was super cool, but (I) was getting ready to take a little bit of a breather, and then COVID hit,” Kartsounes said.

Kartsounes pivoted deftly, teaching music lessons and workshops via Zoom, playing live streaming sets and doing a LOT of writing.

“You called me just as I was sitting down with a guitar in my studio,” he said last week.

“I’m pretty much always creating something every day, whether it be a song, or an album with this new DJPK thing I’m doing, doing some looping or practicing or playing the piano. ... A lot of creating. That’s my purpose here on the planet, and I’ve gotten a little more aware of it over the last year and a half. Every day, my partner goes off to work and I start my creation process.”

Kartsounes estimates that he works on music two to eight hours a day — which will yield results.

“A lot of people have asked me if I’m just dying to get back on the road,” he said. “I’ve actually really been loving building this nest here with my partner (Andrea Vielma).”

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