

Returning to his roots

Jeshua Marshall performs live in Baker City for the first time

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BAKER CITY — Jeshua Marshall was born in Baker City, and lived here off and on throughout his childhood.

And although he's toured as a professional musician since 2003, this month is the first time he's performed a concert in Baker City.

And it's at renovated Churchill, which is where his grandmother, father and brother attended school.

"This will be my first-ever show in Baker," he said.

The concert is Friday, Aug. 19. Doors open at 6 p.m. at Churchill, 3451 Broadway St. (enter through the 16th Street parking lot).

Tickets are \$10 in advance at churchillbaker.com, or \$15 at the door. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test is required. Fully vaccinated children age 15 and younger attend free with a ticket-holding adult.

Marshall remembers dreaming about guitar music when he was 7 or 8.

"I woke up and asked my parents for a

guitar," he said.

First he received a toy guitar. Then, when his interest seemed genuine, he was gifted an acoustic guitar.

He grew up singing in his church choir, and played trumpet for band in Redmond.

He switched to the electric bass at age 12.

"That's when I really got into music," he said.

Bass is his main instrument, and he's played upright bass professionally for about 17 years.

At 16, he and his older brother Jamin formed the band Larry and his Flask, described as a "grimy, fast and loud punk band."

That band toured from 2003-2019. They played in every U.S. state, across Canada and in 18 countries.

After disbanding in 2019, Marshall set his sights on a solo career.

"All of the songwriting was back on my shoulders," he said. "Which was freeing, but also intimidating, in a way."

Late that year he was recruited to tour in Europe with Whiskey Shivers, and in early 2020 he began working on his solo album.

Then March 2020 came.

"It put a slow-mo on all my plans, like



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Jeshua Marshall was born in Baker City, and returns Friday, Aug. 19, to play at Churchill School. It's his first show in Baker City.

everybody," he said.

He continued working on his album, and released it in September 2021.

He just finished his first full U.S. tour as a solo performer.

Marshall plays with local musicians on occasion, as well as with a full band. For the Baker City show he'll be joined on stage by Seth Acquarolo (lead guitar),

Joshua Hernandez (bass) and Patrick Bedard (drums).

Although he gravitated to a punk rock sound, thanks to albums from his brother, Marshall said he's evolved over the years and now describes his music as Americana with influences from the 1960s New York folk scene, Irish traditional music and a bit of hip hop.

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