

Jazz guitarist returns with CD

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It's a "year of firsts" for Andy Gabrys.

For one, the musician and his wife are expecting their first child.

And secondly, he's just released his first ever CD.

"This has been on my mind for a long time," he says, since before I went to Berkeley (to study music). I wanted it to be something that represented me and what I did."

He's been working on the compositions for a couple of years, he adds, "stripping them down, getting to the heart of them."

And now, it's complete. And one of the New-York-based, Chilliwack-bred musician's first stops to promote the CD is right here in his hometown. He'll be at Bozzini's on May 30 for an intimate jazz show.

He's come a long way since graduating, when he all but gave up the idea of living on music. He went on to work in the mining industry as an engineer "but something was really missing," he says.

He would come home from work and immediately pick up his guitar. Eventually, he realized that music just had to work.

New York was "a natural draw" to his jazz sensibilities, and he moved there to delve into the music scene.

"To help support Gabrys, and enjoy a night of edgy, contemporary jazz, get your tickets for his May 30 show.

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