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Alive! A Concert to Benefit Ukraine **Saturday, April 16, 3:00 p.m.**

Oranbega Retreat Center in Orland, Maine, presents a concert to benefit Ukraine featuring Jazz and blues singer-song writer **Danie Ocean** accompanied by the band **Spence & Co.** at the Center, 36 Narramissic Drive, Orland on Saturday, April 16, at 3:00 in the afternoon.

Danie Ocean will present songs from her newly released album, **Alive**. A visually impaired, non-binary gendered, African American songwriter, Danie Ocean presents a uniquely powerful set of songs which reflect the struggle to survive in the face of negativity, and the triumph of love, hope and purpose over the forces of fear and hate. The Easter weekend is the perfect time to hear and share this memorable music.

In addition, Danie, with the local band Spence & Co., and the staff of Oranbega Retreat Center are determined to use the concert to help raise money for the benefit of the people of Ukraine. A suggested donation of \$25 (more if you can, less if you can't) will be routed to two of our favorite ways to assist Ukrainians: UNICEF's Children of Ukraine fund, and World Central Kitchen, the food distribution organization founded by Chef José Andrés which President Biden mentioned in his recent speech in Poland.

The concert will take place outside, if the weather permits. The audience is invited to bring a rug or a folding chair, and their own snacks. There will be some folding chairs and non-alcoholic

drinks available. In the case of inclement weather, the concert will take place inside the Center, and masks will be worn.

Danie Ocean's album **Alive** and other music can be accessed and the artist supported through the Patreon site: <https://www.patreon.com/danieocean>

The Oranbega Retreat Center is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to support the arts and artists and to provide a space for creative work and spiritual uplift. Retreat Director the Rev. Dr. Jenny Reece notes that Danie Ocean gave a very well-received concert last year as part of the Center's Pride week. "This is someone whose voice needs to be heard," she said, adding, "We are so glad to welcome Danie again to work in our sound studio and to present the moving and beautiful songs on **Alive**. And I know we are all looking for ways to support the people of Ukraine in the present crisis."

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