

Concert for Ukraine

ft. SONiA disappear fear

**US singer-songwriter to perform free concert for Ukrainian refugees
on Thursday, May 12, 2022**

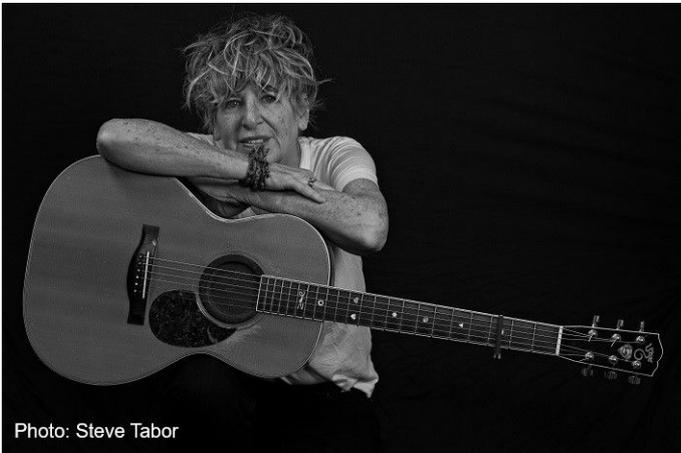


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SONiA disappear fear, who just resumed her annual spring tours of Germany, was recently back in town for a Bookshop Session with friends and local bookshop owners Conny Prinz and Markus Idstein. The couple has been involved in welcoming Ukrainian refugees to the Rheingau area, providing children with Ukrainian and bilingual story books. SONiA, who is also a painter, was inspired to collect crayons and coloring books for the children to bring back to Oestrich-Winkel before her tour ends in mid-May. She thought that she could play a few songs for the children to cheer them up – then the idea blossomed into a full, free evening concert for

Ukrainian refugees and the Rheingau families currently hosting them.

SONiA Rutstein, who traces her family roots to Eastern Europe, has previously been raising funds through livestreamed performances and the sale of merchandise, to support the work of *Voices of Children Ukraine* and *Doctors Without Borders*. Looking at her touring schedule past and future one can trace decades of dedication to various humanitarian and animal rights' causes. Her 2019 CD *By My Silence* is in response to the rise of hate and anti-Semitism around the world, while her 2020 compilation *Love Out Loud* encourages people to embrace their identity while highlighting the ongoing push for LGBT equality. SONiA's talent of writing in a variety of genres and languages has garnered her a vast following worldwide.

SONiA says, "We are each called upon to find what we have to offer our brothers and sisters whose lives are being torn apart by this senseless Russian invasion. My music has sustained me and many others through the years as a ray of hope even in the darkest of moments. It is my natural longing to sing face to face with my Ukrainian brothers and sisters, and I invite all who believe in democracy and freedom to this special event."

The concert takes place at Brentanoscheune, Hauptstraße 134a, 65375 Oestrich-Winkel, starting at 6pm.

Ticket will be available for free from May 5:

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