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**Ocean City Center for the Arts to host Bryan Russo and
free discussion on activism in the arts on Friday, Oct. 22**

<p>OCEAN CITY, MD — Oct. 17, 2021 — The Art League of Ocean City invites the public to an evening of musical performance and a discussion about the role of social commentary and activism in the arts. Led by Bryan Russo, the free event will be held on Friday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at the</p>	
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<p>“The evening will feature a talk about the role of social commentary and activism in the arts, particularly music, historically and today, and how that art helps us see and feel about ourselves and the society we live in,” Russo said. He will perform songs from the forthcoming “Journos” album, including “Mr. Tindley.”</p>
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<p>“For me, it's a travesty that a man who literally inspired the anthem of the civil rights movement, ‘We Shall Overcome,’ with his hymn, ‘I'll Overcome Someday,’ is hardly a blip on the radar of history in the town where he was born, and in a region of the country that was the birthplace of the two of the most vitally important African-American people in American history in Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass,” Russo said. “This entire effort</p>
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The Art League of Ocean City is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. Funding for this event is in part provided by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment of the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

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