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**Subject:** Events at Ann Arbor Distilling Co.

Hello—my name is Lena Leson. I'm a recent Michigander and current doctoral student at the University of Michigan. I'm contacting you because events were recently shut down at Ann Arbor Distilling Co. and I want to express what a great loss this has been to me and to my community.

Every day I work with incredible musicians eager to share their art with others. Several groups from the University have been working with Ann Arbor Distilling Co. to perform classical music in a maybe unlikely setting. But A2DC is unique; a classically trained guitarist is the head distiller there, and there's art by local painters hanging on the walls. On their production floor, I've heard an enormous steel drum band from Oberlin, a string quartet from UM, a jazz band, a DJ. I've watched movies and seen art exhibits. I've heard stories and made new friends.

But the decision to shut down events at A2DC has meant one less Ann Arbor venue for these precious displays of creativity and humanity during a challenging time for many of us. I implore you, for the well-being of our community and of the arts, to bring events back to A2DC.

With gratitude,

Lena Leson