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As a musician I rely on the gathering of people to keep a steady stream of income, and the pandemic has effectively ceased all ability to safely gather. We've all tried to do hold shows via Zoom albeit with limited success, and a feeling of stark disconnection from our audiences. I look forward to the day when we can all be together in the same room celebrating the end of this situation the world has found itself in, but until then performers and venue owners alike need financial support as soon as possible. We have lost venues, and we are at risk of losing more. These places are special and the people who run them equally so. Live music is an important part of our culture, and at this time, without funding it could all fall apart in our hands.