

Picture that you are walking down a lively street at night, there are many shops and restaurants open, there are lights on, children playing, teenagers hanging out with friends and adults drinking, people are walking their dogs, but you can't help but think that there's just one thing missing, that last spark.

All of a sudden a jazzy tune fills the air. You look to see where it's coming from, then you see a person strumming an electric guitar, plugged into a portable AMP

A lot of people don't think twice about when they pass by a busker on the streets, or when live music comes to play at a bar, but they don't realize the deeper meaning behind why people do this, some may even find it annoying, but it actually brings something more to places that they would otherwise be lacking. The performers themselves feel very connected to their arts,

You don't just hear the music, you *feel* it.

Interviews told me about this, they told me about their experiences about live performance, there was a specific story about them opening for a DJ in a club, and they remembered the crowd loving the performance and they felt like they really connected with the audience even if they were younger.

It's also important to know the back stories about these performers because they are humans too.

Live Music in the Bay Area and why it's important

The Bay Area is known for its tech and innovation. Most billionaires were born here, and lots of major companies originate from the Bay Area. With technology being so prevalent, lots of places are used for things like corporate buildings, offices and HQs of major tech companies like Google, Meta and Apple. It often takes space for things like parks or small towns and the world around us can feel very

The backstory of LenCat

Len Cat is a band that has been together for several decades, they play all different types of music and perform in all different types of places, the band has gone through many different members throughout the years, since they started back in the 70s.

The lead singer and guitarist Len Callo picked up guitar when he was around 12 years old, he tried to learn it but it was too hard, so once he got older at around 20, he tried it again and got started.

An Important point that Len Callo brought

"You know, it's funny. Right now, it's kind of an interesting time because a lot of the old bars and clubs are kind of dying out and got wiped out by Covid and never came back. It's like, and we'll go to some of these clubs and there are younger, like 30 something kids. They want to hear a DJ but there's no soul

"Sometimes it's like, they hear and they're like in a trance about it. It's like there's no soul, there's no musicality, there's no, you know, it's just like there's no interaction."

He is talking about how Covid affected people's ability to interact with each other and thrive in a social environment.

But live music can help with this a lot because it works as a connection to others. And it's something many can enjoy, so once you play music live it is more connecting and feels more real, you can really feel it deeply in your soul, something that you wouldn't get from just listening to a prerecorded song.

Izzy and the Dizzy Lizards

Another Band that is Local to the bay area, in fact they go to mountain view high school. They are a friend group who made a band.

They value having fun while performing and bonding with each other during the shows , they are all very good friends and very close to each other. They bring a unique experience to the bay, often performing in downtown mountain view. People enjoy watching them because they are fun to be around and have young energy.

A lot of the band members are in their senior year at MVHS and have shared lots of memories together, they have become very close friends over the years, and will hopefully stay in a band for years to come.

One thing that they exhibit is a lot of convenience, you can tell that they completely own what they do, even if they are young, they are exceptional at interacting with the audience and delivering an outstanding performance, You can tell how naturally it comes to them.

Overall they are a fun band to watch and extremely talented at a young age, with chemistry that shows both as a band and with the audience.

Learning about these artists was very interesting and a great opportunity for me, and others to get insight into the thoughts from these talented individuals. Its important to get these people's stories across, because they usually go unheard, especially in the tech centered place where we live. The more voices you give artists the longer true art will thrive, and the more art thrives the more people will create, and understand and listen to others, and that is very important for the times we are living in, to be reminded of the beautiful things that humans create.