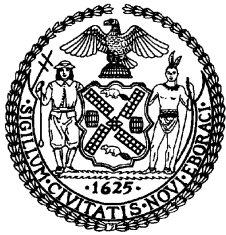


# Manhattan Community Board 3 Questionnaire

**Venhue LLC**



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 3  
59 East 4th Street - New York, NY 10003  
Phone (212) 533-5300  
www.cb3manhattan.org - mn03@cb.nyc.gov

Tareake Dorill, Board Chair

Susan Stetzer, District Manager

**Community Board 3 Liquor License Application Questionnaire**

**NOTE: ALL ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED.**

**The following items and questionnaire package are due by date listed in email invite:**

- ☐ Schematics, floor plans or architectural drawings of the inside of the premise.
- ☐ A proposed food and or drink menu.

**The following items are due by noon Friday before the meeting:**

- ☐ Petition in support of proposed business or change in business with signatures from residential tenants at location and in buildings adjacent to, across the street from and behind proposed location. Petition must give proposed hours and method of operation. For example: restaurant, sports bar, combination restaurant/bar. (petition provided)
- ☐ Notice of proposed business to block or tenant association if one exists. You can find community groups and contact information on the CB 3 website:  
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/manhattancb3/resources/community-groups.page>  
(this is not required but strongly suggested if a relevant group exists)
- ☐ Proof of conspicuous posting of notices at the site for 7 days prior to the meeting (please include newspaper with date in photo or a timestamped photo).

Check which you are applying for:

- ☒ new liquor license    ☐ alteration of an existing liquor license    ☐ corporate change

Check if either of these apply:

- ☐ sale of assets    ☐ upgrade (change of class) of an existing liquor license

Today's Date: 04/27/2023

Is location currently licensed? ☐ Yes ☒ No    Type of license: N/A (never licensed before)

If alteration, describe nature of alteration: N/A

Previous or current use of the location: New development

Corporation and trade name of current license: N/A

**APPLICANT:** Venhue LLC

Premise address: 21 Avenue B, New York, NY 10009

Cross streets: Avenue B between E 2nd St and E 3rd St

Name of applicant and all principals: Justin Twohig, Edward Di Cosmo, and Steven Franco

Trade name (DBA): N/A

Type of building and number of floors: 6 stories total (ground floor retail; 5 stories residential)

Does premise have a valid Certificate of Occupancy, including for any back/side yard or roof use?

☒ Yes ☐ No What is maximum NUMBER of people permitted \_\_\_\_\_

What is the zoning designation (check zoning using map: <http://gis.nyc.gov/doitt/nycitymap/> - please give specific zoning designation, such as R8 or C2): R7A, C1-5

What are the proposed days/hours of operation? (Specify days and hours each day and hours of outdoor space, if applicable) Indoor hours of operation are Sun-Wed: closed & Thurs-Sat: 5:30pm-10pm

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Will any other business besides food or alcohol service be conducted at premise, i.e., retail? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe what type: Artwork

How many stand-up bars/bar seats are located on the premise (number, length, and location) \_\_\_\_\_  
1 stand-up bar on ground floor (approx 36" x 24" 42") with 2 bar seats

Is food available for sale? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe type of food and submit a menu \_\_\_\_\_  
Fine dining (please see menu attached)

How many employees will there be? <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Will premise have music? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If other type, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

What will be the music volume? ☒ Background (conversational) ☐ Entertainment (live music venue level) Please describe your sound system: JBL 4 speakers

Will you host any promoted events, scheduled performances, or any event at which a cover fee is charged? If Yes, what type of events or performances are proposed and how often? We will host scheduled performances that will not be promoted by Venhue LLC. Music will consist of solo performances (poetry, acoustic guitar, saxophone) strictly for aesthetic purposes. The stage will not have any instrument amplifiers and is located at the front of the gallery. These will not be charged events, no lines will be able to form outside, and will take place between 6:30pm - 9pm.

If promoted events, please explain the nature in which you plan to promote? Social media / online ads / outside promoters? N/A

How do you plan to manage vehicular traffic and crowds on the sidewalk caused by your establishment?

Please attach plans. (Please do not answer "we do not anticipate congestion.") All principals and staff will periodically manage vehicular traffic and crowds by physically monitoring the outside space.

Will there be security personnel? ☒ Yes ☐ No (If Yes, how many and when) \_\_\_\_\_

The presence of security personnel is contingent on the particular artist performing.

How do you plan to manage noise inside and outside your business so neighbors will not be affected?

Please attach plans. The proposed premise has the following: 1) soundproofed walls; 2) noise cancelling/sound damping curtains; and 3) a limiter to the sound system.

Is sound proofing installed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If not, do you plan to install sound proofing? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are there current plans to use the Open Restaurants program for the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages outdoors? (includes roof & yard) ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, describe and show on diagram:

#### APPLICANT HISTORY:

Has this corporation or any principal been licensed for sale of alcohol previously? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please indicate name of establishment: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Community Board # \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Has any principal had work experience similar to the proposed business? ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes, please attach explanation of experience or resume. Note: failure to disclose previous experience or information hampers the ability to evaluate this application.

Does any principal have other businesses in this area? ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, please give trade name, address and describe the business \_\_\_\_\_

Has any principal had SLA reports or action within the past 5 years? ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, attach list of violations and dates of violations and outcomes, if any.

Attach a separate diagram that indicates the location (**name and address**) and total number of establishments selling/serving beer, wine (B/W) or liquor (OP) for 2 blocks in each direction. Please indicate whether establishments have On-Premise (OP) licenses. Please label streets and avenues and identify your location. Use letters to indicate **Bar**, **Restaurant**, etc. The diagram must be submitted with the questionnaire to the Community Board before the meeting.

**LOCATION:**

How many licensed establishments are within 1 block? 14

How many On-Premise (OP) liquor licenses are within 500 feet? 14

Is the premise within 200 feet on the same street of any school or place of worship? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

Please see the Community Board website to find block associations or tenant associations in the immediate vicinity of your location for community outreach. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to community groups, but it is not required. Also use provided petitions, which clearly state the name, address, license for which you are applying, and the hours and method of operation of your establishment at the top of each page. (Attach additional sheets of paper as necessary)

***We are including the following questions to be able to prepare stipulations and have the meeting be faster and more efficient. Please answer per your business plan; do not plan to negotiate at the meeting.***

1. My license type is: ☐ beer & cider ☒ wine, beer & cider ☐ liquor, wine, beer & cider
2. ☒ I will operate a full-service restaurant, specifically a (type of restaurant)  
Fine dining restaurant, or  
☐ I will operate a \_\_\_\_\_,  
☒ with a kitchen open and serving food during all hours of operation OR ☐ with less than a full-service kitchen but serving food during all hours of operation OR ☐ Other  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. My hours of operation will be:  
Mon Closed; Tue Closed; Wed Closed;  
Thu 5:30pm - 10pm; Fri 5:30pm - 10pm; Sat 5:30pm - 10pm;  
Sun Closed. (I understand opening is "no later than" specified opening hour, and all patrons are to be cleared from business at specified closing hour.)
4. ☒ I will not use outdoor space for commercial use (including Open Restaurants) OR  
☐ I will close all outdoor dining allowed under the temporary Open Restaurants program and any other subsequent uses by 10:00 P.M. all days and not have any speakers or TV monitors outdoors
5. ☒ I will employ a doorman/security personnel: only when specific artists are being featured.
6. ☒ I will install soundproofing, the proposed premises currently has soundproofing.

7. ☐ I will close any front or rear façade doors and windows at 10:00 P.M. every night or when amplified sound is playing, including but not limited to DJs, live music and live nonmusical performances, or during unamplified performances or televised sports. ☒ I will have a closed fixed façade with no open doors or windows except my entrance door, which will close by 10:00 P.M. or when amplified sound is playing, including but not limited to DJs, live music and live nonmusical performances, or during unamplified performances or televised sports.
8. I will not have ☒ DJs, ☐ live music, ☒ third-party promoted events, ☒ any event at which a cover fee is charged, ☒ scheduled performances, ☐ more than \_\_\_\_\_ DJs per \_\_\_\_\_, ☐ more than \_\_\_\_\_ private parties per \_\_\_\_\_
9. ☐ I will play ambient recorded background music only.
10. ☒ I will not apply for an alteration to the method of operation or for any physical alterations of any nature without first coming before CB 3.
11. ☒ I will not seek a change in class to a full on-premises liquor license without first obtaining approval from CB 3.
12. ☒ I will not participate in pub crawls or have party buses come to my establishment.
13. ☒ I will not have unlimited drink specials, including boozy brunches, with food.
14. ☐ I will not have a happy hour or drink specials with or without time restrictions OR ☐ I will have happy hour and it will end by \_\_\_\_\_.
15. ☒ I will not have wait lines outside. ☒ I will have a staff person responsible for ensuring no loitering, noise or crowds outside.
16. ☒ I will conspicuously post this stipulation form beside my liquor license inside of my business.
17. ☒ Residents may contact the manager/owner at the number below. Any complaints will be addressed immediately. I will revisit the above-stated method of operation if necessary in order to minimize my establishment's impact on my neighbors.

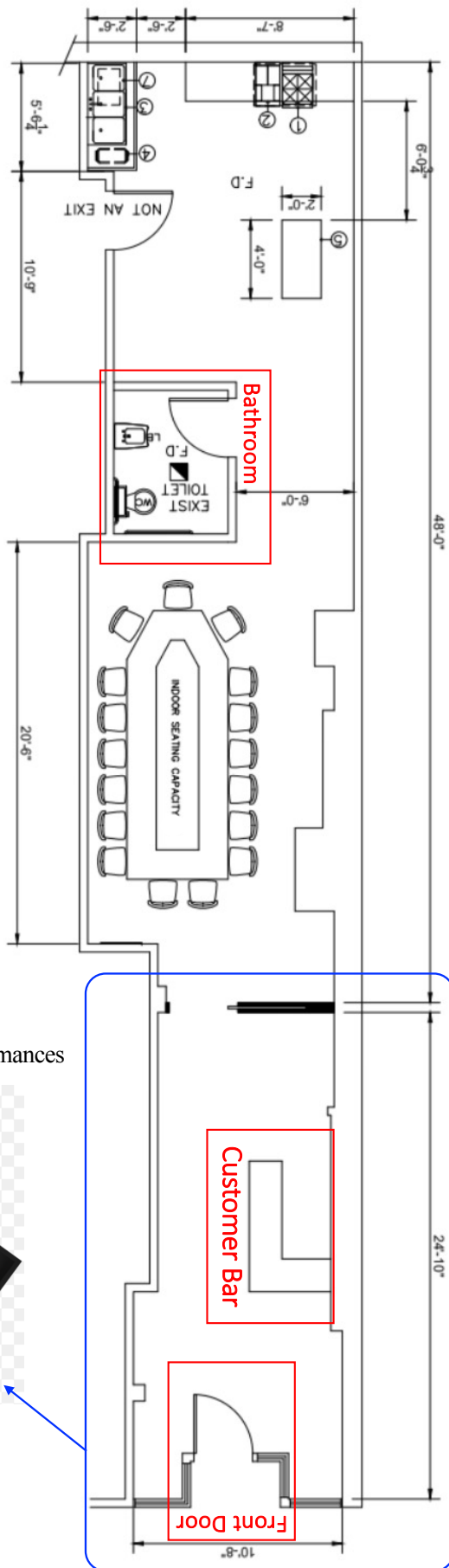
Name: Justin Twohig

Phone Number: 407-590-5418

# Schematics/Floor Plan/ Architectural Drawings

**Venhue LLC**

Applicant Name: Venhue LLC  
Address: 21 Avenue B, New York, NY 10009



Schematic of small stage for performances



Ground Floor



# Diagram of Liquor License Establishments within 2 Blocks

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## SUMMARY

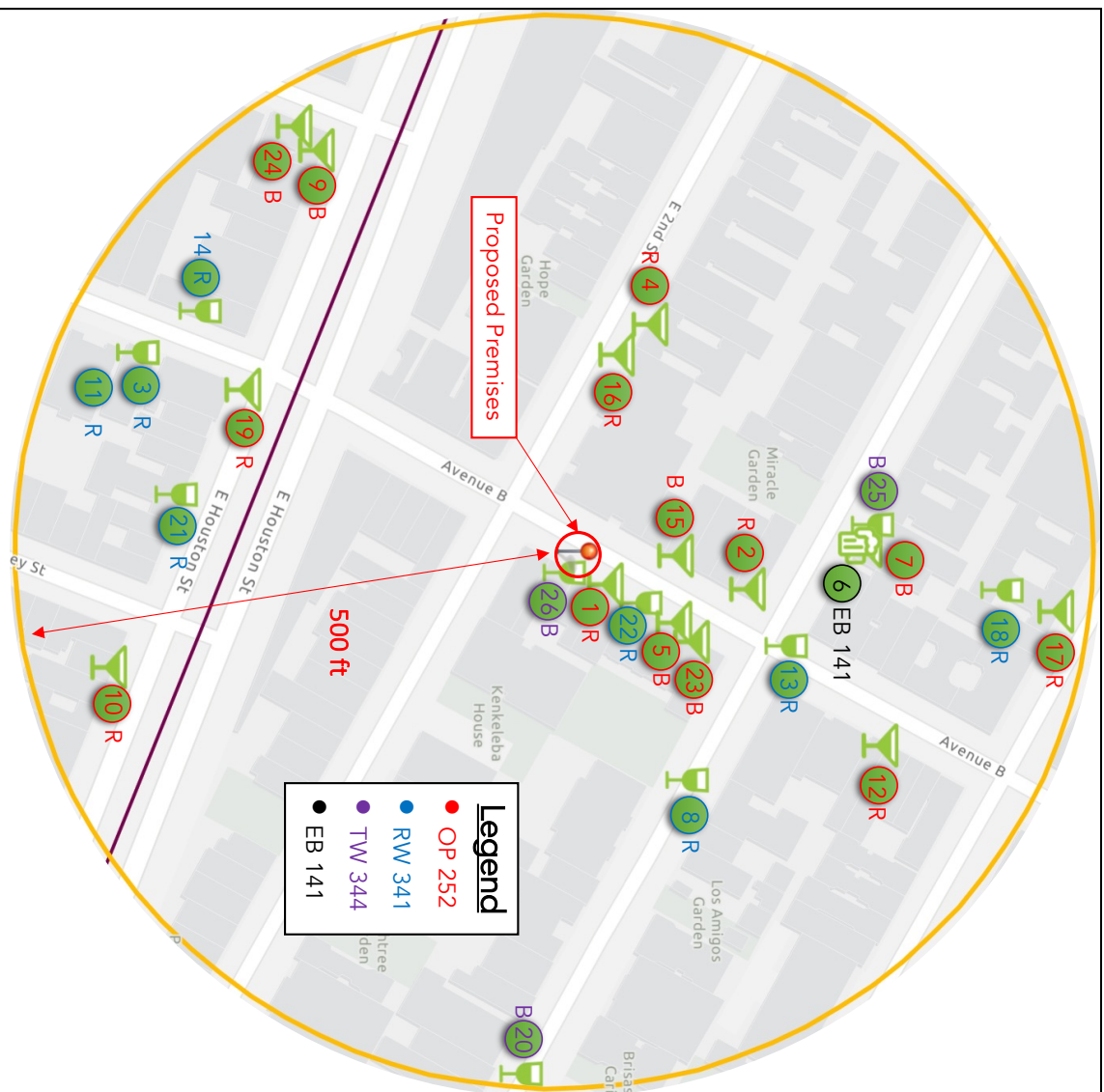
### Establishments within 500 feet (approx. 2 blocks)

Total On Premises Beer (EB 141):	1
Total On Premises Wine (RW 344):	8
Total On Premises Wine (TW 341):	3
Total On Premises Liquor (OP 252):	14



# Venhue LLC

21 Avenue B, New York, NY 10009



**Proposed Food and/or  
Drink Menu  
Venhue LLC**

## **Sample Tasting Menu**

\$135

### **Amuse bouche**

Potato & Leeks Torchon (Foie gras) spoon

### **Appetizer**

Fluke Tartare, Pickled Calabrian Chilies, Blood  
Orange Vinaigrette

### **Main 1**

Crab Risotto, Saffron, Basil EVO

### **Chef Snack**

Cacio e Pepe, Breadstick Fork

### **Main 2**

Monkfish Papillote, Ratatouille

### **Dessert**

Torta della Nonna, Mascarpone, Apples

# Explanation of Work Experience

**Venhue LLC**

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May 2, 2023

**Re:** Venhue LLC  
21 Avenue B, New York, NY 10009

Dear Manhattan Community Board 3:

Please find below information on the past work experiences for the members of Venhue LLC – Steven Franco, Justin Twohig, and Edward DiCosmo.

**Steven Franco**

1. Employer: Cena – 1120 Kennedy Blvd, Tampa, FL 33602  
Position: Sous Chef  
Type of Business: Restaurant  
Dates of Employment: 01/2018 – 03/2023

**Justin Twohig**

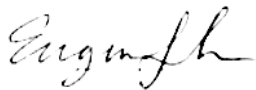
1. Employer: Snowflake – 450 Concar Dr San Mateo, CA 99402  
Position: Sales  
Type of Business: Technology  
Dates of Employment: 12/2018 – Present

**Edward DiCosmo**

1. Employer: Snowflake – 450 Concar Dr San Mateo, CA 99402  
Position: Sales  
Type of Business: Technology  
Dates of Employment: 03/2019 – Present
2. Employer: Sisense Inc. – 1359 Broadway, New York, NY 10018  
Position: Sales  
Type of Business: Technology  
Dates of Employment: 01/2017 – 03/2019

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Eugene M. Suh, Esq.

# Letter from the Members of Venhue LLC





## Manhattan Community Board 3 Hearing (Venhue LLC)

Dear Community Board,

On behalf of myself (Justin Twohig), Edward DiCosmo and Steven Franco we are excited to bring **Venhue** a fine dining restaurant to the East Village community. Ed and I are both technologists that have lived and worked in Manhattan and Brooklyn for the past decade. We have passion for New York City, neighborhood bars, fine dining and unique experiences. Venhue, which is a play on the words Venue (a place artists perform) and Hue (colors and pairing) will bring together culinary artists (Chefs) and art mediums (physical displays) in a fun environment that sways from the pretentious, boring, long-form reputation of fine dining.

Chef Steven Franco, born in Italy and raised in the United States is excited to bring his modern approach to the Mediterranean cuisine while paying homage to his nonna. Chef Steven Franco and his collaborative nature will introduce other Chefs and their culture (food, music, etc.) by having guest Chef nights (similar to bands playing a venue).

Please consider our application for Beer & Wine with initial operating hours of Thursday, Friday and Saturday 5:30pm-10pm (pending expansion to Tuesday and Wednesday with the same hours).

Thank you,  
Justin Twohig  
Edward DiCosmo  
Steven Franco