While students and tourists often travel to Ann Arbor for classes and visits, in September of 2021 many people took a different kind of trip in Ann Arbor. This year marked the first occurrence of Entheofest in Ann Arbor, a festival celebrating the use of psychedelic mushrooms. The festival took place in response to the recent decriminalization of mushrooms in Ann Arbor, and inspired by the Hash Bash rallies that took place in Ann Arbor's past—both in support of the legalization of marijuana usage in the city.

Mushrooms are currently only decriminalized in Ann Arbor. While one can possess mushrooms, they cannot sell or seek them out. It’s close to legalization, but with a few important differences. While some may say that decriminalization is enough, most proponents argue that mushrooms should have never been made illegal in the first place. The substances are generally harmless to one’s physical health and, in general, not seen as a very harmful substance to consume. Entheofest was created to inform those unfamiliar with mushrooms on their usage and to disprove stereotypes as portrayed in the media for decades now. Ultimately, no matter what side of the debate one stands on, Entheofest was revolutionary in seeing how Americans can exercise their rights and opinions.

Mushrooms in particular are a drug with a strange history. While they are medically relatively harmless, compared to marijuana or alcohol, they have always been heavily persecuted by the government as a part of the ongoing war on drugs. While the main debates regarding the war on drugs have usually surrounded marijuana, now that marijuana usage is being legalized in many of the states, activists have turned their attention to other demonized substances.