

## Cultural Entertainment Online

### **Lectures:**

You may have heard The Arts Society has a new digital platform showing free online lectures. <https://www.connected.theartsociety.org/talks-lectures>

There are currently two available; Dr Jacqueline Cockburn talks about *Las Maninas* by Valesquez, and Sarah Dunant on Venice "Dressed and Undressed". There are 5 more to follow...

Some filmed lectures on fine art can also be found at  
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/schools/art>

A good place to find a number of links to all sorts of things – discussions, museum virtual tours, plays and films is at The Culture Fix:  
<https://culturefix.digital/>

(I got this link from the Bridge Theatre, if there are any problems with it do try signing up for their newsletter and I'm sure you will get the link from there)

### **Theatre:**

National Theatre at Home: currently showing Frankenstein, next week will be Anthony & Cleopatra. Plays are on for a week so be careful not to miss them!  
<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/nt-at-home>

Hampstead Theatre: having videos and podcasts  
<https://www.hampsteadtheatre.com/about-us/the-mono-box/speech-share/>  
<https://www.hampsteadtheatre.com/videos/>

Chichester Festival Theatre at home: Watch archived performances  
<https://www.cft.org.uk/cft-at-home>

Freedom Studios are showing North Country (which looks at hope following a plague!) <https://www.freedomstudios.co.uk/production/north-country/>

The Globe Theatre: Currently showing Romeo & Juliet, this will be followed by The Two Noble Kinsmen, Macbeth, A Winter's Tale and The Merry Wives of Windsor. <https://shakespearesglobe.com/watch/>

### **Dance:**

Sadler's Wells: Find details of what's online  
<https://www.sadlerswells.com/whats-on/2020/digital-stage/> and do look at their Facebook page too if you are on there.

Bolshoi Ballet: A daily ballet at <https://www.youtube.com/user/bolshoi>

### **Opera:**

Metropolitan Opera House New York. Every night they are streaming a different opera in full. This week includes Verdi's Aida and Luisa Miller.  
<https://metopera.org>

Royal Opera House: Each Friday a full opera at 7 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook. <https://www.roh.org.uk/news/the-royal-opera-house-launches-a-programme-of-free-online-content-for-the-culturally-curious-at-home>

*Pappano's Greatest Arias* and *Darcey Bussell: Looking for Margot* are also available and can be watched anytime  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/categories/arts/featured>

### **Museums and Galleries**

Here is a great article with links to virtual tours of some of the top museums and galleries in the world. <https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2020/mar/23/10-of-the-worlds-best-virtual-museum-and-art-gallery-tours>

The Ashmolean: If the lockdown stopped you seeing the Young Rembrandt exhibition, go to a superb ½ hour guided tour by Simon Sharma in the Museums in Quarantine series on BBC iPlayer (worth watching all four in the series) See more on this exhibition plus a virtual tour of the museum.  
<https://www.ashmolean.org/>

The Courtauld Gallery has a virtual tour as well as a new "Open Courtauld Hour" which is a month-long programme of digital mini festivals, every Thursday evening from 30 April to 21 May. Details here: <https://courtauld.ac.uk/>

The National Gallery: they have plenty of stuff on YouTube . Why not start with a quick virtual tour <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4q7F4fU3kA> and then explore London Original Print Fair: A free exhibition  
<https://londonoriginalprintfair.com/>

### **General**

**BBC iPlayer.** Just a reminder that if you go to 'Arts' in Categories, there is a huge selection of programmes, both current and archived.

Culture in Quarantine: an extensive selection of plays, exhibitions, talks and art festivals including the Royal Shakespeare Company and Northern Ballet.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2020/culture-in-quarantine>

**Film** Ken Loach has released his films free on YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/KenLoachFilms>

### **National Trust**

Quite a number of National Trust properties have a good virtual tour of both the house and gardens. Try Waddesdon Manor <https://waddesdon.org.uk/explore-waddesdon-online/>

### **and finally, some fun with art**

People have been enjoying their shutdown by re-creating masterpieces. Try these:

<https://www.channel4.com/news/how-isolation-art-is-reimagining-old-masterpieces-in-often-hilarious-ways>

<https://www.sadanduseless.com/recreated-art/>

