

ONLINE RESOURCES: ARTS & CULTURE

Dear Neighbor,

We have all been dealing with the isolation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and trying to find new ways to connect. Fortunately, for those of us who have access to the internet, there are a host of resources available that can allow us all to remain connected. In October, my office hosted an online forum that explored arts and cultural resources available online. Staff and interns also compiled a selection of those resources, and I wanted to use this newsletter to share them with you. Below you will find a collection of virtual experiences from around the world. Experiences on this list are not endorsements from our office. Some experiences are free, while others are ticketed. Please check the host's website as events continue to evolve.

I hope you will find these resources useful.

ART

Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.cooperhewitt.org>

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/cooper-hewitt-national-design-museum>

Cooper Hewitt is America's design museum. Inclusive, innovative and experimental, the museum's dynamic exhibitions, education programs, master's program, publications and online resources inspire, educate and empower people through design. An integral part of the Smithsonian Institution—the world's largest museum and research complex—Cooper Hewitt is located on New York City's Museum Mile in the historic, landmark Carnegie Mansion. Steward of one of the world's most diverse and comprehensive design collections—over 210,000 objects that range from an ancient Egyptian faience cup dating to about 1100 BC to contemporary 3-D-printed objects and digital code.

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum

New York, New York

Website: guggenheim.org

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/solomon-r-guggenheim-museum>

Founded in 1937, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation is dedicated to promoting the understanding and appreciation of art, primarily of the modern and contemporary periods, through exhibitions, educational programs, research initiatives, and publications.

Neue Galerie New York

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.neuegalerie.org>

Virtual experience: <https://www.neuegalerie.org/collection>

The collection of Neue Galerie New York covers a range of media, including painting, sculpture, works on paper, decorative arts, and photographs created in Austria and Germany between 1890 and 1940.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.metmuseum.org>

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-metropolitan-museum-of-art>

The Met presents over 5,000 years of art from around the world for everyone to experience and enjoy. The Museum lives in three iconic sites in New York City—the Met Fifth Avenue, The Met Breuer, and The Met Cloisters. Millions of people also take part in The Met experience online.

Google Arts & Culture

Website: <https://artsandculture.google.com>

Offers access to over 500 institutions, to explore some of the world's greatest museums. Google Arts & Culture is a non-profit initiative. Works with cultural institutions and artists around the world. Together, their mission is to preserve and bring the world's art and culture online so it is accessible to anyone, anywhere.

In addition, Google has a platform called **Open Heritage** which offers virtual tours of ancient heritage sites including Machu Picchu, Stonehenge, the Pyramids of Giza, or discover a wealth of lesser-known but equally fascinating wonders.

Website: <https://artsandculture.google.com/project/openheritage>

The National Gallery of Art

Washington, D.C.

Website: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/nationalgallery-of-art-washington-dc>

Museum of the City of New York

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.mcny.org>

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/museum-of-the-city-of-new-york>

Founded in 1923 as a private, nonprofit corporation, the Museum of the City of New York celebrates and interprets the city, educating the public about its distinctive character, especially its heritage of diversity, opportunity, and perpetual transformation. The Museum connects the past, present, and future of New York City, and serves the people of the City as well as visitors from around the world through exhibitions, school and public programs, publications, and collections. Or join the Museum of the City of New York's interactive, virtual workshops to see and discuss visuals from the Museum of the City of New York's exhibitions and collections.

The Jewish Museum

New York, New York

Website: <https://thejewishmuseum.org>

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-jewish-museum-new-york>

Plan a unique experience for your group with a virtual tour of the Jewish Museum led by a Museum staff member. Tours will be set up by the Museum via Zoom.

Tambaran Gallery

New York, New York

Website: <http://www.tambaran2.com>

Virtual experience: <http://www.tambaran2.com/home>

Tambaran, one of New York City's most respected Tribal Art galleries specializing in exceptionally beautiful museum quality pieces, has now expanded into contemporary art. Tambaran 2, founded only several years ago by Maureen Zarember, is a dynamic art space that specializes in showcasing exciting contemporary artists. Many of the collections are available to view online.

The Frick Collection

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.frick.org>

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-frick-collection>

The Frick Collection includes superb examples of Italian paintings and bronzes, Dutch seventeenth-century works of art, Limoges enamels, English eighteenth-century portraits, French eighteenth-century paintings and furniture, nineteenth-century paintings and Chinese porcelains. Artists represented in the Collection include Rembrandt van Rijn, Giovanni Bellini, El Greco, Frans Hals, Johannes Vermeer, François Boucher, Thomas Gainsborough, Joshua Reynolds, Joseph Mallord William Turner, James McNeill Whistler, Francesco Laurana, Jean-Antoine Houdon, and Severo Calzetta da Ravenna.

MoMA The Museum of Modern Art

New York, New York

Website: www.moma.org

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/moma-the-museum-of-modern-art>

Explore past exhibitions from 1929 to the present: mo.ma/history. Founded in 1929, The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in midtown Manhattan was the first museum devoted to the modern era. Today, MoMA's rich and varied collection offers a panoramic overview of modern and contemporary art, from the innovative European painting and sculpture of the 1880s to today's film, design, and performance art. From an initial gift of eight prints and one drawing, the collection has grown to include over 150,000 paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, photographs, architectural models and drawings, and design objects; approximately 22,000 films and four million film stills; and, in its Library and Archives, over 300,000 books, artist books, and periodicals, and extensive individual files on more than 70,000 artists. Collection highlights include Claude Monet's *Water Lilies*, Vincent van Gogh's *The Starry Night*, and Pablo Picasso's *Les Femmes d'Alger (O. J. R. M.)*, along with more recent works by Andy Warhol, Elizabeth Murray, Cindy Sherman, and many others.

The Morgan Library & Museum

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.themorgan.org>

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-morgan-library-museum>

A complex of buildings in the heart of New York City, The Morgan Library & Museum began as the private library of financier Pierpont Morgan (1837–1913), one of the preeminent collectors and cultural benefactors in the United States.

The National Arts Club

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.nationalartsclub.org>

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-national-arts-club>

The mission of The National Arts Club is to stimulate, foster, and promote public interest in the arts and to educate the American people in the fine arts. The Club's permanent collection includes over 600 works including paintings, sculptures, photographs, and works on paper.

LIFE Photo Collection

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.life.com>

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/life-photo-collection>

Founded by Time Inc. in 1936, *LIFE* magazine is the visual chronicle of the "American century." The magazine's ninety staff photographers—including Margaret Bourke-White, Alfred Eisenstaedt, and Gordon Parks—documented the events, stories, and people that shaped the modern era. Time Inc. is proud to share *LIFE*'s iconic images in the spirit of Henry Luce's original prospectus for *LIFE* magazine.

The Cloisters Museum and Gardens

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.metmuseum.org/visit/plan-your-visit/met-cloisters>

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-cloisters-museum-and-gardens>

The Cloisters Museum and Gardens, which opened to the public in 1938, is the branch of The Metropolitan Museum of Art devoted to the art and architecture of medieval Europe. Located in Fort Tryon Park in northern Manhattan, The Cloisters was assembled from architectural elements that date from the twelfth through the fifteenth century.

The Bronx Museum of the Arts

New York, New York

Website: <http://www.bronxmuseum.org>

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-bronx-museum-of-the-arts>

The Bronx Museum of the Arts is an internationally recognized cultural destination that presents innovative contemporary art exhibitions and education programs, and is committed to promoting cross-cultural dialogues for diverse audiences. Since its founding in 1971, the Museum has played a vital role in the Bronx by helping to make art accessible to the entire community and connecting with local schools, artists, teens, and families through its robust education initiatives and public programs. In celebration of its 40th anniversary, the Museum implemented a universal free admission policy, supporting its mission to make arts experiences available to all audiences.

Brooklyn Museum

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.brooklynmuseum.org>

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/brooklyn-museum>

The Brooklyn Museum, housed in a 560,000-square-foot, Beaux-Arts building, is one of the oldest and largest art museums in the country. Its world-renowned permanent collections range from ancient Egyptian masterpieces to contemporary art, and represent a wide range of cultures.

Whitney Museum of American Art

New York, New York

Website: <http://whitney.org/Collection>

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/whitney-museum-of-american-art>

As the preeminent institution devoted to the art of the United States, the Whitney Museum of American Art presents the full range of twentieth-century and contemporary American art, with a special focus on works by living artists.

The Studio Museum in Harlem

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.studiomuseum.org>

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-studio-museum-in-harlem>

The Studio Museum in Harlem is the nexus for artists of African descent locally, nationally and internationally and for work that has been inspired and influenced by black culture. It is a site for the dynamic exchange of ideas about art and society.

Rubin Museum of Art

New York, New York

Website: <https://rubinmuseum.org>

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/rubin-museum-of-art>

The Rubin Museum of Art is a nonprofit cultural and educational institution dedicated to the art of the Himalayas. Its mission is to establish, present, preserve, and document a permanent collection that reflects the vitality, complexity, and historical significance of Himalayan art and to create exhibitions and programs designed to explore connections with other world cultures.

The Museum's Tibetan Buddhist Shrine Room is now accessible via the web.

ARTLAND

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.artland.com/exhibitions>

Artland is a dedicated platform for contemporary art. Discover galleries both in New York and around the world.

EAZEL

New York, New York

Website: <https://eazel.net>

Eazel is a one-stop platform that allows you to enjoy art exhibitions and museums around the world. Included in their offerings are local galleries such as Leila

Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo

Turin, Italy

Website: <https://fsrr.org/en/fondazione-sandretto-re-rebaudengo-closed/>

The contemporary art hub Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo has undertaken a series of new online tours and social-media initiatives.

The Vatican Museum

The Vatican

Website: <http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/tour-virtuali-elenco.1.html>

For those longing to see the rich treasures of the Holy See, the Vatican Museum offers virtual tours, and this may be your one shot for an uncrowded peek at the Sistine Ceiling.

Minneapolis Institute of Art

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Website: <https://sketchfab.com/artsmia>

Minneapolis Institute of Art is offering the next best thing with a searchable collection of 3D photographs of 138 objects from its collection, which allows at-home visitors to experience—and sketch—works in the round. If you're proud of your final product, you can send images back to the museum to be uploaded to their website.

LA BIENNALE PARIS

Paris, France

Website: <https://christies-labiennale.paris/>

Comprised of 42 world-renowned galleries from 8 countries, presenting over 90 exceptional works of art across 4,000 years of art history – all in one major online art fair in partnership with Christie's. Join antiques dealers and gallerists in their virtual booths, and discover the art and objects on offer this season.

The Louvre

Paris, France

Website: <http://musee.louvre.fr/visite-louvre/index.html>

Virtual Tour: http://mini-site.louvre.fr/apollon/index_apollon.html

The Louvre has three of its own virtual tours, including one of the remains of the museum's moat (from the era of Louvre's former life as a fortress), a tour of the Galerie d'Apollon, and as well as a "walkable" scroll through the Ancient Egyptian wing, where you can stop and marvel at sphinxes and mummies.

The British Library

London, England

Website: <http://www.bl.uk/turning-the-pages/>

You'll find plenty to peruse the British Library's flippable site, where you can examine illuminated manuscripts and rare illustrated books, including Leonardo da Vinci's notebook and the original *Alice in Wonderland* (called *Alice's Adventures Under Ground*), illustrated by Lewis Carroll himself.

The Tate Museum

London, England

Website: <https://www.tate.org.uk>

Virtual Tours: <https://www.youtube.com/user/tate/featured>

The Tate has free online film tours of Andy Warhol (April 6) and Aubrey Beardsley (April 13) exhibitions on their YouTube channel. The virtual tours are to showcase over 100 artworks from Warhol and will be led by Director of Tate's Collection of International Art, Gregor Muir.

National Gallery Victoria

Melbourne, Australia

Website: <https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/virtual-tours/>

After a 6-year digitization project, more than 75,000 works from the gallery's collection are available online. Also on offer are free curator-led virtual exhibition tours, which are added to regularly.

Rijksmuseum

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Website: <https://www.rijksmuseum.nl/en/masterpieces-up-close>

Get up close with some of the world's most loved artworks, including Rembrandt's "The Night Watch" and Vermeer's "The Milkmaid" via a new online platform, Rijksmuseum Masterpieces Up Close, which allows visitors to browse artworks from the Amsterdam museum, accompanied by videos, audio clips and 360° images. The Rijksmuseum also has a platform called the Rijksstudio, which allows participants to download artwork images to create masterpieces of their own. There are more than 700,000 high-resolution images to view.

THEATER

The National Theater

London, United Kingdom

Website: <https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk>

Virtual experience: <https://www.youtube.com/c/NationalTheatreOnline>

The National Theatre went virtual with "National Theatre Collection at Home." Their collection of 30 world-class productions is now available for educational institutions to stream at home. UK state-funded teachers and pupils can access the Collection for free, and they have extended their free trial period for all others.

Broadway, Stars in the House

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.starsinthehouse.com>

moments each week, including world class performances and events, invaluable education programs, and resources to support our community and each other. As the home for Black culture, we are still here to bring joy during these challenging times.

The Strawdog Theatre Company

Chicago, Illinois

Website: <http://www.strawdog.org/shows>

Virtual experience: <http://www.strawdog.org/shows/current-season>

This season, we bring you an array of shows to keep you engaged and connected while you stay home. As we all adapt and strive to meet the moment, we hope these thrilling virtual stories will help us all explore what is possible during times of challenge. For each ticketed production, Strawdog will make a donation to selected charities that help to positively impact the Chicago community.

DANCE

Alvin Ailey Dance Theater, Ailey All Access

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.alvinailey.org>

Virtual experience: <https://www.alvinailey.org/performances-tickets/ailey-all-access>

The Alvin Ailey Dance Theater has launched #AileyAllAccess in celebration of the Theater's anniversary, and has made a range of digital content, including dance tutorials and performances, available for viewing.

American Ballet Theater, ABT OffStage: A 2020 Virtual Season

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.abt.org>

Virtual experience: <https://www.abt.org/performances/abt-offstage/>

American Ballet Theatre will present a full season of programming to viewers and fans around the world with *American Ballet Theatre OffStage: A 2020 Virtual Season*. As the global health crisis has forced ABT artists out of the theater and into their homes, these online offerings will carry the artistry of ABT into homes everywhere.

New York City Ballet, Digital Fall Season

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.nycballet.com>

Virtual experience: <https://www.youtube.com/nycballet> or <https://www.facebook.com/nycballet>

All digital performances will be streamed free of charge for seven days on Facebook, YouTube and our homepage.

San Francisco Ballet, Ballet Technique and Enrichment for Active Seniors

San Francisco, California

Website: <https://www.sfballet.org>

Virtual experience: <https://www.sfballet.org/school-education/adult-programs/adult-ballet-classes/drop-in-classes/#DANCE>

Launched this spring, Ballet Technique and Enrichment for Active Seniors is a chance for active seniors to take a gentle ballet class (from home!) and learn about dance history at the same time.

Alonzo King LINES Ballet

San Francisco, California

Website: <https://linesballet.org>

LINES has a team of indefatigable artists who are creatively facing the challenges of this difficult time head on. Inspired to continue unabated in partnership with our local, national and global community, these vigilant colleagues are creating films, performances, and the highest caliber dance education for all ages, backgrounds and temperaments online.

Mark Morris Dance Group

New York, New York

Website: <https://markmorrisdancegroup.org>

Virtual experience: <https://markmorrisdancegroup.org/digital-access/>

Enjoy excerpts of your favorite Mark Morris' work, behind the scenes moments and past interviews. Mark Morris also offers a wide variety of online dance courses.

Martha Graham Dance Company

New York, New York

Website: <https://marthagraham.org>

Virtual experience: <https://marthagraham.org/events/>

The Martha Graham Dance Company's 2020-21 Season online programming includes all-new Martha Matinees, Digital Studio Series performances, and a variety of new ways for audiences and the global dance community to engage with the Company while social distancing. All Martha Matinees and Studio Series performances feature live chat with Graham Artistic Director Janet Eilber and special guests.

MUSIC

Carnegie Hall

New York, NY

Website: <https://www.carnegiehall.org/Explore/Watch-and-Listen/Live-with-Carnegie-Hall>

Carnegie Hall's mission is to present extraordinary music and musicians on the three stages of this legendary hall, to bring the transformative power of music

Enjoy a treasury of online performances from one of the best orchestras in the world. Our suggestion: you can't go wrong with anything from the trifecta of national B's: Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. Gustav Mahler's second symphony, *The Resurrection Symphony*, seems apt in these trying times.

Royal Opera House

London

Website: <https://www.roh.org.uk/>

Virtual performances: <https://www.youtube.com/user/royaloperahouse>

The Royal Opera House's YouTube channel has a selection of some of the top performances from famous operas and ballets, just a click away. Some suggestions: "The Caterpillar" from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, and "The Dance of the Knights" from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*, if just for the incredible costumes.

Vienna State Opera

Vienna, Austria

Website: <https://www.wiener-staatsoper.at/en/>

Virtual performances: <https://play.wiener-staatsoper.at/?from=www.staatsoperlive.com>

If you can't be in Vienna, you can at least treat yourself to full streams of some of the Vienna State Opera's latest performances. These works are almost always as much a treat for the eyes as much as the ears.

Metropolitan Opera

New York, New York

Website: <https://www.metopera.org/>

Arts lovers, if appointment viewing is more your thing, the Met is putting on nightly opera streams. But you better not be late! They're only available until 3:30 p.m. ET the next day. And there's something to be said for such ephemerality.

The Metropolitan Opera House, The Met Stars Live in Concert

New York, New York

Website: <https://metstarslive.brightcove-services.com/how-it-works>

Virtual experience: <https://metstarslive.brightcove-services.com>

The Met Stars Live in Concert series allows you to enjoy the artistry of opera's leading lights from anywhere in the world, live or on-demand, on your computer, smartphone, or tablet. Tickets for each concert are \$20, and the performances will remain available on demand for 12 days.

Lincoln Center

New York, New York

Website: <http://lincolncenter.org/lincoln-center-at-home>

While practicing social distancing, you can still maintain your vital connection to the live performing arts at Lincoln Center. On Lincoln Center at Home, we will host daily pop-up classrooms for families and regularly share videos of performances—archival, home-made, documentary, or previously broadcast—by our organizations across the campus. Enjoy Lincoln Center world-class artists—on your screens at home.

HISTORY / CULTURE

Heritage on the Edge

Website: <https://artsandculture.google.com/project/heritage-on-the-edge>

Google also recently announced Heritage on the Edge, a partnership with UNESCO that details five heritage sites threatened by climate change through 2D and 3D maps.

British Museum

London

Website: <https://www.britishmuseum.org/>

Virtual experience: <https://artsandculture.google.com/project/heritage-on-the-edge>

Explore a stunning visual timeline of the world, with an array of annotated objects. Our suggestion: this timeline pairs nicely with "A History of the World in 100 Objects," a podcast narrated by the Director of the British Museum, Neil MacGregor, available at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00nrt2/episodes/downloads>.

African American History and Culture

Washington, D.C.

Website: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/>

Virtual Experience: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/national-museum-african-american-history-and-culture-interactive-museum-tour/>

If you've ever wanted to visit an extremely popular museum but couldn't seem to nab tickets, a virtual tour is the next best thing! This one gives you just a taste of what the museum has to offer, and where in the museum each feature is located.

Victoria and Albert Museum

London, England

Website: <https://www.vam.ac.uk/>

Ever wanted to don a big 18th-century hairpiece? Here's your opportunity, with the V&A's Design a wig activity at <https://www.vam.ac.uk/designawig/>.

Smithsonian Museum of Natural History

Washington, D.C.

Website: <https://naturalhistory.si.edu/education/live-video-programs>

Virtual Experience: <https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>

Dinosaurs! Snakes in jars! Giant diamonds! Some suggestions: *The Ocean Hall*, *The Hall of Mammals*, *The Hall of Birds*, *The Hall of Fish*, *The Hall of Insects*, *The Hall of Plants*, *The Hall of Minerals*, *The Hall of Earth History*, *The Hall of Life*, *The Hall of the Earth*, *The Hall of the Sky*, *The Hall of the Sea*, *The Hall of the Sun*, *The Hall of the Moon*, *The Hall of the Stars*, *The Hall of the Universe*.