

Wellington Orbit

ARTS & CULTURE MENU 9

Performing Arts

The BBC's Culture in Quarantine continues to offer a variety of programmes on I-Player. For example, in Reconnect - Digital Raving, one man's lockdown is too much to bear until he reconnects with friends for a remote rave. No Human is an Island is a song and film by Tom Hickox, created in lockdown and featuring the Chineke! Orchestra.

Take a look back at the BBC's How Hard is Waving? for a sideways look at lockdown and how far we've come since those early days of panic buying.

The Birmingham-based Space Digital Arts is showing a variety of short pieces about life under Lockdown and work produced under Lockdown.

Try this imaginative, three minute Swan Lake Bath Ballet (see photo, below), produced by Wellington Orbit director, Anne Beresford. Set to Tchaikovsky's famous theme, 27 elite dancers from renowned dance companies perform a modern-day Swan Lake from their own home filled baths. Award-winning choreographer Corey Baker worked with dancers across the globe to choreograph and film Swan Lake Bath Ballet completely remotely during the Covid-19 pandemic.

In 2014 Fuel invited nine composers to create new music that anyone could dance to. A professional choreographer then created a dance for each. From electro-folk to contemporary classical, hip-hop to gypsy ska, Fuel invited people to download a track, film their dance, then upload it Vimeo to share with the world - and to vote on other people's uploads. View the winners here.

Shrewsbury Folk Festival has received funding to put on a virtual festival on 29 and 30 August. <https://shrewsburyfolkfestival.co.uk/virtually-sff-2020/> Apart from the virtual main stage (with acts such as Seth Lakeman, Jim Moray and the Fitzgeralds), there'll be activities for kids, music workshops etc. You can also catch highlights from earlier festivals on YouTube.

The BBC Proms season is continuing until 12 September), with events available on a mixture of TV, Radio and online. Check here for your Season Guide.

Museums and Galleries

For those cautiously venturing out, the Secret Severn Art Trail (centred around Jackfield) will run from 3-13 September. This free, family event will include a main exhibition at the Footprint Gallery, Fusion, showcasing the work of more than 40 artists with 17 open studios nearby. One way systems, sanitising and spacing will be in place. The Festival of Imagination, starting on 12 September, will be a feast of art, poetry, cookery, film, workshops, performance talks and local history.

And More..

WLV University Centre Telford will be livestreaming a free public lecture Zombies: from Haiti to Hollywood on Wednesday 16 September 6-7pm. Click on the link for more information.

Shakespeare's Globe is featuring a number of zoom workshops and events for teenagers and children, for example this Midsummer Night's Dream storytelling event on 29 August, aimed at 5-12 year olds.

The Royal Academy's website is a good source of family fun activities, including a step by step guide on how to make shadow puppets



Swan Lake Bath Ballet photo by Ryan Capstick

Most of the links from previous weeks still work, so there is plenty to keep you entertained!

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