

ARTS & CULTURE MENU 13

Performing Arts

Sadler's Wells & BBC Arts present **Dancing Nation** [a day-long festival](#) of world-class dance broadcast live from the historic Sadler's Wells Theatre, London. It features new works and audience favourites from big-name artists and breakthrough talent in ballet, contemporary and hip-hop dance styles: Akram Khan, Birmingham Royal Ballet, Boy Blue, Breakin' Convention, Candoco Dance Company, English National Ballet, Far From The Norm, HUMANHOOD, Matsena Productions, Matthew Bourne's New Adventures, Natalia Osipova, Northern Ballet, Oona Doherty, Rambert, Shobana Jeyasingh Dance. Broadcast live on **14 January 2021** in three hour-long episodes: 10.30am, 1.30pm and 4.30pm GMT; available to UK viewers via BBC iPlayer, for 30 days after the live broadcast.

If ballet is your thing, there's a chance to watch **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland** (2017). Follow Alice down the rabbit hole in Christopher Wheeldon's colourful [ballet](#), inspired by Lewis Carroll's much-loved book. Available to watch or share for £3, this film will be available to watch until Thursday 21 January 2021.

Some of you might also enjoy a visit to the [English Touring Opera website](#). Click [here](#) for a guide to their **digital season**, which focuses on the voice of the individual in isolation, on the power of song, and of poetry – with responses to that power in dance, image, and drama.

Folk fans may like Episode 5 of **Young 'Uns** music, available from 8pm on New Year's Eve [here](#). Earlier episodes are also available there for a suggested small donation. The Teesside trio specialise in telling people's stories through song: on their [website](#) you can also watch a short documentary about how they created the Ballad Johnny Longstaff.

There's a chance for a whole household to watch a funny and touching **musical revue** [I love you, you're perfect, now change](#) for £15 plus booking fee. Filmed on stage at the London Coliseum and streamed for three nights only – with Trevor Dion Nicholas, Brenda Edwards, Alice Fearn and Oliver Tompsett: 28 Jan–30 Jan 2021.

[Culture Fix](#) is a site that gives you a way to find all of the exciting digital content that cultural organisations produce in one place, filtering by what you're most interested in like art, film, stuff for families and many more options. Whether you want to listen to a choir with Sacred Songs, watch the whole performance of Tortoise and Hare with your family or explore Britain on Film with the BFI, we're sure there'll be something for you.

Museums and Galleries

[Click here](#) to explore six art exhibitions from home – the Guildhall Art Gallery (The Enchanted Interior), Serpentine, Compton Verney (Cranach), Royal West Of England Academy, National Gallery and Tate Modern (Warhol).

The [House of Illustration](#) Picturing Science exhibition gives a virtual version of its show about Marie Neurath's mid-century children's science books.

[And More..](#)

Many of us are in need of an escape and while we can't replace the real thing, this may bring some joy. The [Window Swap](#) lets you look out of windows all over the world, and enjoy a new view with the click of a button.

Launched in the wake of recent Black Lives Matter protests across the world, the [Black Futures](#) programme asks questions about how history informs our understanding of the present, and how current events might shape the future. Led by migrant-led arts organisation Maokwo in partnership with the Belgrade Theatre, **Black Futures**, is a multi-disciplinary celebration of black creativity, collaboration and entrepreneurship in the West Midlands, with events taking place both online and in-person. Expect visual art, photography, poetry, discussion, performance and live workshops as artists, businesses, cultural leaders and young people take over the Belgrade, testing out new ways of sharing creative work as we emerge from the Covid crisis.

If you want to learn a new music or media skill, explore [Higher Rhythm](#). It's a not-for-profit Music and Media Organisation based in Yorkshire, UK, established in 2001. Higher Rhythm provides music & media industry services and opportunities including two recording studios, a licensed radio station, a record label, digital distribution, events promotion, artist development programmes, enterprise support, courses (including national & higher national diplomas) and volunteering. The above website is a platform specially for online learning, allowing learners to take part in the programmes on offer as well as enhancing some blended online teaching and learning.

[The Royal Academy of Dance At Home](#) (RAD) can support you when you can't leave yours. It has created a raft of content to help you make the most of dancing at home, with dance classes from a variety of styles for all ages and abilities.

For a little brainteaser, why not try this [Musicals Quiz](#)? Guess the musical by the first lyrics.

Do let us know what you would still like to hear about. Many of the links in earlier Culture Menus are still active (particularly Issue 12), so do check them out.

Happy New Year!