

May 8, 2020

Dear grantees and partners,

The Mayor's Office of Cultural affairs commends you for the work you are doing to keep going and the many ways you are helping Houston through this extraordinary crisis.

We've heard through HAA and directly from many of you about your efforts to continue serving our community and we are both amazed and proud of what you have been able to accomplish in a short time, under the most difficult of circumstances, to entertain, comfort, charm, distract and support the city during the pandemic. We are inspired by the commitment you have shown to your artists, employees, and audiences.

At City Hall every Friday, the Director of Council Relations shares a mass internal email so that we can keep each other updated and informed. We have been using this email to share your creative efforts with the Mayor and our colleagues and to remind them that, while severely impacted by this crisis, you continue to serve our community. We have received extremely positive feedback from our colleagues about virtual programs from our arts and cultural organizations. Here is a sampling of what we've shared:

- Houston Symphony [Living Room Series](#) – Live Concerts Streaming Online on Fridays at 8 pm!
- [Virtual Chalk on the Block in Midtown](#) - Experience local artists creating pavement art on their driveways and neighborhood sidewalks, without leaving your house!
- [Virtual Party on the Plaza](#) - Tune in to KHOU 11 on May 2nd from 7 to 8 p.m. for all of the fun!
- Houston Boychoir Social Distan-sing: Share your talent with the world and join Houston Boychoir in Social Distan-SING! Get on our virtual stage and be part of this weekly community cabaret to be aired every Sunday at 5pm. [Submit here](#)
- [Holocaust Museum Online Resources!](#) (*Butterfly Workshop* Family activities, lesson plans, virtual exhibitions!)
- [Ensemble Theatre's Bold Online Series](#) (Message Mondays, Throwback Thursdays, and Family Fun Fridays!)
- [Houston Center for Photography Workshop: Xerox Transfer!](#) Great for at-home art activities!
- [Ars Lyrica: Tour de France!](#) If you need to get your head out of the present, go to 18th century France!
- [Movie Night with the Museum of Fine Arts](#)
- Contemporary Arts Museum [Virtual Drop-In Experiences!](#)
- Discovery Green [virtual programming!](#)
- Museum of Fine Arts [Virtual Experience](#) #MuseumFromHome
- New insta11ations artwork up in Acres Homes! ["Acres Homes Rocks" by Israel McCloud](#)
- ROCO in Concert will [livestream Queen of Hearts](#) (a program of works by women) Sunday at 2 pm!
- Asia Society's [At-Home Adventures through Asia: China](#)

- Live Music @ Home: [Houston Public Media Broadcasts Houston Symphony](#)
- Art @ Home: [5-Minute Tours on Glasstire](#), or visit some of your favorite arts institutions as they go virtual or become a #MuseumfromHome
- Art on the fly: [Go on a car tour of the city's murals!](#)
- Houston Ballet @ Home: [mini-sodes with ballet dancers](#) (warning: includes silliness)
- Inprint Houston's [archive of readings](#) with some of the world's great writers
- Check out [virtual events](#) from the Children's Museum
- Orange Show's 2020 Virtual Art Car Parade!

While not an exhaustive list, we are ever vigilant to see the cultural community represented and use our social media channels in the same vein. We invite you to contact us (cultural.affairs@houstontx.gov) or tag @HoustonMOCA on either Facebook or Instagram so that we can be alerted and keep promoting your work in any way possible.

Additionally, we strongly encourage you to submit your events (both physical **and** digital) to the Houston's [Cultural Events Calendar](#) to share what you are doing. You can also add your programs to Visit Houston's [Helping HOU Program](#) and tag #MissingHOU.

We can't thank you enough for being the heART of the city of Houston, and for being resilient and adaptive. We deeply appreciate you and all that you do.

Debbie, Necole, Theresa, and Monique
Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs



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