

From David Bradshaw

The following are some useful links to free items of 'live' classical music and theatre available at the moment.

1 Opera North

<https://www.operanorth.co.uk/the-ring-cycle/>

2 Wigmore Hall

<https://www.youtube.com/user/wigmorehall/featured>

3 Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra

<https://www.br-so.com/brso-media-center/videos/>

4 The Royal Opera House is launching its programme of free online content with fresh items being launched each Friday until the start of May. Last night, Friday 27th March, at 7pm they were showing their performance of Peter and the Wolf. The following link provides details of the works they will be showing and, part way down, there is the link to last night's performance which is still available

<https://www.roh.org.uk/news/the-royal-opera-house-launches-a-programme-of-free-online-content-for-the-culturally-curious-at-home>

5 OK , this one isn't music but it's still worth knowing about. The National Theatre has announced it will be live streaming some of their productions on Thursdays starting next Thursday 2nd April at 7pm. The productions will then be available to stream free for a week. The opening production is "One Man, Two Guvnors". I saw an amateur production of it at the Putney Arts Theatre a couple of years ago and it was a very funny farce. So it's my recommendation if you want a good laugh.

https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/?queueitoken=e_safetynet25mar20~q_a8e181d7-c9c1-444f-acff-7104807bd0c4~ts_1585331234~ce_true~rt_safetynet~h_6046995c859b654ca30d608b7207e6b2ef7ae2aa7cf068ab8aa3492278cdfaf13

6 Teatro Regio in Turin has YouTube channel. The recordings seem to be as individual acts and are ordered a little randomly but ultimately you can get the whole lot

<https://www.teatroregio.torino.it/en/news/operaonthesofa>

7 Teatro Massimo in Palermo also has a good selection of opera videos

<http://www.teatromassimo.it/eng/teatro-massimo-tv-495/>

8 Also there is free streaming from the Metropolitan Opera.

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

9 The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra has recently provided free access to its Digital Concert Hall for a limited period. The following link takes you to their site and gives the relevant details. Also if you watch Simon Rattle conducting Berio's Sinfonia, in his introduction Simon has quite a nice little joke about audiences for modern music; Berio is an acquired taste but there are plenty of other concerts available.

<https://www.berliner-philharmoniker.de/en/titelgeschichte/20192020/digital-concert-hall/>

10 Also please find below a link to Slipped Disc regarding an item called Believe it: Orchestra plays Beethoven 9th from their homes. The orchestra is the Rotterdam Philharmonic

<https://slippedisc.com/2020/03/believe-it-orchestra-plays-beethoven-9th-from-their-homes/>