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Image: FOCUS: Marina Adams opens at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth on November 6. Photo courtesy of Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth

While many events in and around Fort Worth have either been postponed or canceled during the coronavirus pandemic, some organizations have pivoted to virtual or socially-distanced events to continue offering the masses some entertainment while we need it the most.

Below are the best ways to spend your free time this weekend. While they're not all outside of the house, they all promise to provide a nice distraction from the everyday life.

Thursday, November 5

Lone Star Film Festival

The annual Lone Star Film Festival will be all-virtual for 2020, featuring over 130 narrative features, documentaries, and short films. In addition to the films, which will be available for viewing at any time through Sunday, the festival is presenting Film Talks online for free. The most notable of these will feature actor Ethan Hawke in conversation with legendary screenwriter and director Paul Schrader, the recipient of the 2020 Bill Paxton Achievement in Film Award.

Friday, November 6

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth presents FOCUS: Marina Adams

For more than a decade, Marina Adams has explored the relationships between color and form. In her acrylic-on-linen paintings, biomorphic forms dovetail, each structure distinguished by a solid field of color. Each painting has its own distinct palette, with diverse and unusual color combinations. While Adams sketches out her forms in charcoal before she paints, her work has an immediacy evidenced by loose, confident swathes of paint, where drips mark the canvases and bands of color overlap, creating a balance between organization and improvisation. The exhibition will be on display at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth through January 10, 2021.

Maverick Theatre Company presents Songs for a New World

The first musical from Tony Award winner Jason Robert Brown, *Songs for a New World* is a moving collection of powerful songs examining life, love, and the choices that we make. The audience is transported from the deck of a 1492 Spanish sailing ship to a ledge, 57 stories above Fifth Avenue, to meet a startling array of characters that range from a young man who has determined that basketball is his ticket out of the ghetto to a woman whose dream of marrying rich nabs her the man of her dreams ... and a soulless marriage. The production will be available to stream anytime between through Sunday.

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As part of their Six Plays At Six Feet: Social Connection. Physical Distancing Fall 2020 Season, Theatre Wesleyan presents Gruesome Playground Injuries. Over the course of 30 years, the lives of Kayleen and Doug intersect at the most bizarre intervals, leading the two childhood friends to compare scars and the physical calamities that keep drawing them together. The production, playing three times through Sunday at Thad Smotherman Theatre at Texas Wesleyan University, will also be available for streaming.

Improv Arlington presents Felipe Esparza

Felipe Esparza is a comedian and actor, best known for his raw, real-life comedy that audiences everywhere can relate to. While recognizing his wild hair and his often-imitated phrase, "what's up, fool?," audiences are always surprised to find out that Esparza is also the same person referred to and imitated in several infamous onstage stories by fellow comedian Gabriel Iglesias. He'll perform five times through Sunday at Improv Arlington.

Robert Earl Keen in concert

Robert Earl Keen has recorded 19 full-length albums, including 2015's Happy Prisoner: The Bluegrass Sessions. In 2012, Keen was inducted into the Texas Heritage Songwriters Hall of Fame and has written songs for music superstars including George Strait, The Chicks, The Highwaymen, and Nanci Griffith. He'll play at Billy Bob's Texas.

Saturday, November 7

The Cliburn presents Cliburn at Home

Cliburn at Home returns with Cliburn Watch Party, where viewers can relive some of the best moments of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. This week's screening features Alexander Kobrin, 2005 Cliburn gold, from his Semifinal Round Recital, originally broadcast May 29, 2005. The video will start with a special message from Kobrin, who will also join in the Facebook chat to talk with viewers.

Joe Nichols in concert

Country star Joe Nichols has been crafting hits since his breakout in 2002 with his sophomore album, Man with a Memory. Thanks to songs like "Brokenheartsville," "Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off," and "Gimmie That Girl," he's remained at the top of the genre for the past 18 years. He hasn't released an album since 2017's Never Gets Old, but fans can enjoy all his hits in this concert at Billy Bob's Texas.

Sunday, November 8

Fort Worth Opera presents Stone Soup

Stone Soup presents an age-old tale and gives it a Texas twist, as a hungry, penniless, 13-year-old girl named Sally arrives at the steps of a local General Store in Blessing, Texas during the Great Depression, and teaches the townspeople the value of sharing and working together. Following a performance on Saturday reserved for families of the Tarrant Area Food Bank and community service organizations, the performance on Sunday at First Saint John Cathedral is open to the general public, with a suggested food pantry donation of four kid-friendly, non-perishable food items and a suggested ticket price of "pay what you can."