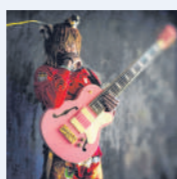


Music Picks

Anjali Raguraman recommends

**FUNK/JAZZ**  
**IT IS WHAT IT IS**  
Thundercat  
★★★★☆

Like a modern-day George Clinton, bass virtuoso Thundercat breathes afro-futurism and jazz-funk stylings into everything he touches, including his fourth and latest album. The American musician, whose real name is Stephen Lee Burner, even connects the past and future of funk on



Black Qualls – a track that features singer Steve Arrington from 1970s funk band Slave, guitarist Steve Lacy from modern R&B band The Internet and hip-hop star Childish Gambino.

Sure, he shows off his musicianship and bass fingerwork on tracks like How Sway, but he also lets the quirks shine through on tracks such as I Love Louis Cole. The tribute to Cole features the multi-instrumentalist himself, pounding away hurriedly on the drums as Thundercat's hazy vocals drift along – an intriguing contrast that culminates in a

sweeping string section finale.

Despite the joyousness, the undertone of loss is apparent – Thundercat mourns his friend, rapper Mac Miller, who died of a drug overdose in 2018.

Several songs reference coping, like Miguel's Happy Dance, where he sings "it's okay, it's time to dance away your pain", and a 51-second skit called Existential Dread ("I'm not sure of what's coming next, but I'll be alright as long as I keep breathin").

Somehow, the music feels appropriate for these uncertain times.



**ONE WORLD: TOGETHER AT HOME**

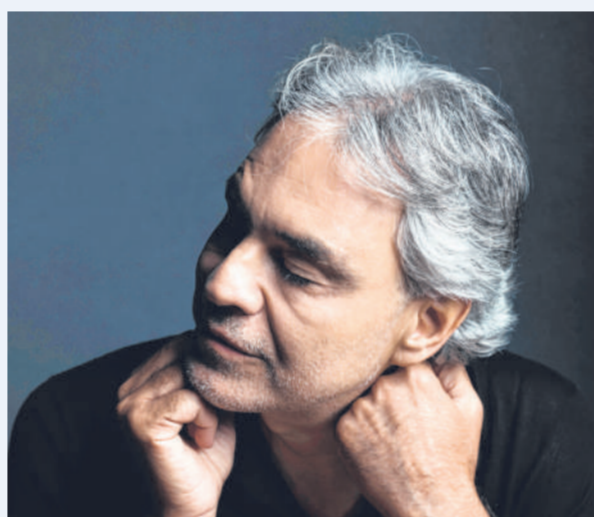
You might have already seen the at-home mini concerts livestreamed by Coldplay frontman Chris Martin and R&B singer John Legend in the past weeks.

They are but teasers to a Live Aid-style concert that will be broadcast to the world, called One World: Together At Home.

Organised by the Global Citizen movement and the World Health Organization, the concert on April 19 celebrates healthcare workers around the globe and supports the United Nations Foundation's Covid-19 Solidarity Response Fund.

The mega livestream special – curated by pop star Lady Gaga (above) and hosted by talk-show hosts Jimmy Fallon, Jimmy Kimmel and Stephen Colbert – features a star-studded line-up with the likes of Billie Eilish, Paul McCartney and Elton John.

**WHEN:** April 19, 8am  
**WHERE:** Multiple platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube  
**INFO:** www.globalcitizen.org/togetherathome



**ANDREA BOCELLI – MUSIC FOR HOPE**

Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli (left) will perform live from the iconic Duomo cathedral in Milan on Easter Sunday, in a livestream concert.

Accompanied by a lone cathedral organist playing one of the world's largest pipe organs, Bocelli will belt out well-loved pieces like Ave Maria and Sancta Maria.

In a statement, he said he hopes the Easter concert will provide some comfort to viewers, regardless of their religion.

**WHEN:** Mon, 1am  
**WHERE:** Andrea Bocelli's YouTube channel (bit.ly/2UTAOzf)

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**GIGS**

**Aspidistrally x haruka nakamura**

Offstage, the all-access backstage pass to the performing arts at the Esplanade, will showcase performances from the arts centre's archives. This 2016 joint concert featured Singaporean duo Aspidistrally – made up of singer-songwriter April Lee and producer Ricks Ang – and Haruka Nakamura, a composer, producer and multi-instrumentalist based in Tokyo.

**WATCH IT AT:** www.esplanade.com

**Metropolitan Festival Orchestra x DJ KoFlow**

This show features concert highlights from A Turntable-Orchestra Programme, performed at the Esplanade in 2017. Watch the Metropolitan Festival Orchestra, conducted by music director Julian Wong, and turntablist DJ KoFlow, playing a rendition of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

**WATCH IT AT:** www.esplanade.com

**MTV Unplugged At Home**

Music stars like Shaggy, Alessia Cara, Jewel, Melissa Etheridge and Monsta X have put on special acoustic performances at their homes. Part of ViacomCBS' #AloneTogether campaign.

**WATCH THE VIDEOS AT:** www.mtv.com/shows/unplugged-at-home & MTV Asia's YouTube, Facebook & Twitter pages

**S.AF.E Virtual Music Festival**

This United States livestream event of multiple artists in a music festival format will be completely interactive with chatrooms, contests, raffles, sweepstakes and Zoom video conferencing so viewers can create their own watch party on the site. At the end, there will be an awards show for the best performing artists, which will be judged by the number of likes during the stream and winners of the contests, raffles and sweepstakes.

**WHEN:** May 8 - 11, 5 - 9am  
**ADMISSION:** Free, with registration  
**WATCH IT AT:** SafeMusicFestival.com & various social media platforms

**The Afro-Peruvian Sextet**

This concert features Afro-Peruvian jazz music and unique instruments like the jaw bone of a donkey. It will be filmed with a three-camera set-up and livestreamed from a hall near New York City. Details with access to the livestream will be sent via e-mail after the ticket purchase.

**WHEN:** May 1, 6am **ADMISSION:** \$7  
**INFO:** www.eventbrite.com

**OPEN CALL**

**What The Jazz**

Join We Love Jazz SG's online celebration of International Jazz Day, which falls on April 30 and showcases all art forms inspired by jazz.

Musicians and artists can submit a five-minute video of a performance related to jazz. Submissions will be featured on We Love Jazz SG's YouTube channel and website from April 27 to May 1.

**WHEN:** Till April 20  
**INFO:** welovejazz.org/international-jazz-day-2020/

**CHARITY**

**The Virtual Rainbow Run**

The 5km virtual run and walk aims to raise awareness of infertility and miscarriage while providing support for families. Participants can complete their run or walk anywhere – at the park or on a treadmill at home. All proceeds will be donated to families seeking fertility treatment, adoption or other paths to parenthood. Participants are also entered into the live giveaway, conducted on the @therainbowrunaz Instagram page.

**WHEN:** April 20, 4pm - 2.30am  
**ADMISSION:** \$10  
**INFO:** bit.ly/ZURKODN

**CLASSES**

**Learn AI In 60 Minutes**

This online workshop covers the following topics: what Artificial Intelligence (AI) is, how it works and how we can build a better world with it. There will also be a question-and-answer session with AI experts and resources on teaching AI to others. Organised by AI for Anyone and the Mark Cuban Foundation.

**WHEN:** Thu, 7 - 8.30am  
**ADMISSION:** Free, with registration  
**INFO:** www.eventbrite.com

**SPORTS**

**Strongfit Bencercise**

To keep people active and healthy while they are at home, dancercise coach Benjamin Ang has made a series of dance workouts available on his website. The videos were filmed in nature spots and feature workouts to songs from the 1960s to 2000s.

**WATCH THE VIDEOS AT:** www.youtube.com  
**INFO:** www.strongfitsingapore.com

**Livestream Yoga Class: Primal Play**

Movement instructor Wenlin Tan will guide participants through a series of invigorating and challenging ground-based exercises – a combination of bodyweight-training techniques focused on multi-planar flow movement to strengthen the core, arms, legs and back to improve mobility. The class will be livestreamed via the Zoom app.

**WHEN:** Mon, 6.30 - 7.30pm  
**ADMISSION:** Free, with registration  
**INFO:** www.eventbrite.sg

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