

## Quarantined at the Keyboard - Bay to Ocean Writers' Conference, March 20, 2021

### **Mental Stimulation:**

Radio Garden: [radio.garden](http://radio.garden): Live streaming radio from across the globe. Listen to the Top 40 in Malawi; talk radio in Korea (in Korean, of course), play-by-play of sports in Finland, top-of-the-hour news in Navajo, rising artists in Australia without leaving your den.

**CirqueduSoleil:** <https://www.cirquedusoleil.com/cirqueconnect>

Sign up for free at [cirquedusoleil.com](http://cirquedusoleil.com). Navigate to [cirqueconnect](https://www.cirquedusoleil.com/cirqueconnect) for vids of shows, behind the scenes tours, etc. Blue Man Group and workout programs

**Renaissance Stream Guide:** <https://bit.ly/3biyCcJ>

Daily guide to live chats and performances, videos, writing and performing for Renaissance Festival performers and fans.

**Drunk History:** <https://www.cc.com/shows/drunk-history>

Irreverent, inventive, and generally accurate look at historical events. Great fun. Carried on Comedy Central. Available through various cable systems, Hulu. Can also purchase episodes from YouTube and other outlets. F-bomb warning for many of the eps.

**Rick Steves Travels:** <https://www.ricksteves.com/>

The dean of tour guides airs one of his episodes every Monday evening, but with a twist. He pauses the shows to give behind the scenes stories about the filming and the people he and his crew meet along the way. He is dining and sipping wine as he tells his stories. He airs each episode twice on Monday nights. About halfway through the second airing he doesn't need a jet to cross the Atlantic. He is cheerfully buzzed. (You can also watch all of his episodes free on his website) His FB page is worth following.

**Context Travel and seminars:** <https://www.contexttravel.com/>

In-person travel may still be on hold, but this outfit has excellent virtual tours that are a lot more than slide shows and tour guide commentary. These are in-depth explorations of well-known and obscure cities and sights. Their cultural seminar series are wide-ranging. March-April has a five week series on American cinema on Sunday evenings. This company is NOT FREE, but worth it.

**Girl Travel Tours:** <https://www.girltraveltours.com/>

Virtual tours are free. Lots of European cities and regions, plus Russia, China, and Egypt. They are also planning for live travel later this year and next.

**Margaritaville.tv:** <https://www.jimmybuffett.com/live> Weekend concerts by Jimmy Buffett as his Nothing but Time virtual tour. Replays of some of his past concerts.

### **Nature:**

**Daily Dose of Nature:** <https://www.nathab.com/traveler-resources/webinars/>

Natural Habitat Adventures in cooperation with the World Wildlife Fund hold a daily nature oriented webinar at 1PM Mountain time. Polar bears, animals of Australia, Asian, African and Antarctica-themed webinars.

Run a search for 'virtual live theater' for current offerings. Usually reasonable prices and often cleverly done. Cultural big stuff: Metropolitan Opera NY: free daily streaming of previously recorded operas. LiteraryHub weekly ([lithub@lithub.com](mailto:lithub@lithub.com))

**Cat and Mouse Press** (Writing is a Shore Thing)

**Authors Publish Magazine** (Weekly listing of publications seeking submissions)

**Best Name Generating sites:** <https://kindlepreneur.com/character-name-generator/>

<http://random-name-generator.info/index.php?n=10&g=1&st=2>