

Music, Museums, and Murals

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have paid for these events, but watch them for free. Even Babyface, producer for Toni Braxton, Jon B, TLC, and Usher battled against New Jack Swing pioneer Teddy Riley. Their bout was postponed due to technical issues.

This crisis has become an opportunity that gives these artists a chance to perform and introduce their catalog to new and younger listeners. Even local musicians have utilized the platform to reach their audiences. One such artist is Isaiah Sharkey, who received a Grammy for D'Angelo's *Black Messiah* and toured with John Mayer. He has used Instagram to showcase his expansive skill and talent as guitarist, vocalist, and songwriter.

Another Chicago native who currently resides in New Orleans is genre-building, rapper, producer, and multi-instrumentalist Amir 'Tubad' Gray. His main weapon of choice is the tuba. Gray plays New Orleans Jazz and transitions to hip hop with very little effort. He has been featured on Fox Television's music industry drama "Empire." Gray frequently uses social media to connect and engage with his audience. This crisis has severely affected

many artists, especially venues.

The social distancing safety measures in place have not only closed down music venues, but also restaurants, bars, and museums. Cornerstones of Chicago such as the Shedd Aquarium, Museum of Science and Industry, the Oriental Institute of Chicago, and the Art Institute of Chicago (TripAdvisor's 2014 best museum in the world) are currently closed. With social distancing measures in place, it is extremely difficult to enjoy what Chicago's unique arts scene has to offer. However, while we may not be able to visit these wonderful places in their original form, technology is offering us a new way to experience the wonders

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Google's Art and Culture has many museum collections online. Chicago, known for its wide variety of museums, has plenty to offer. One of the hidden gems of Chicago is the Oriental

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