

Hello, this is Diane Urbani de la Paz with What's Out There, ways to connect with art and culture while staying close to home, for the week going forward from December 11, 2020.

Musicians of the Port Townsend High School Orchestra and jazz ensemble will give a concert this Saturday evening, on the Internet. The players have cooked up a production with students playing separately in their home studios, and music teacher Daniel Ferland serving as engineer, bringing all the tracks together, with a live performance by a string ensemble, into a unified performance. It should be a thing to behold. Instead of looking only for donations, the performers want to attract 12 hundred 12 viewers, just like the date of the concert, 12-12. Local supporters of the high school music program have established a fund, and will donate one dollar per viewer to the Port Townsend Kiwanis Club's Backpack Program, which provides food to families who need a little help. The show starts at 5 o'clock Saturday, and the place to tune in is <https://pthsmusic.com/>.

A fully staged production of "May's Vote," a historical drama about two Washington women who agitated for women's suffrage, is happening this weekend thanks to Key City Public Theatre. Denise Winter portrays May Arkwright Hutton, a saloon cook turned activist, while Barbara Callander of Seattle is Emma Smith DeVoe, a ladylike suffragist. They're opposites, yet they figured out how to work together to achieve the shared goal. Show times for "May's Vote" are 4 o'clock and 7 o'clock Saturday evening and 7 o'clock Sunday night. These performances are open to the public, with a Q and A with the actors afterward. That should be lively. The place to go well in advance, to get your complimentary tickets, is <http://keycitypublictheatre.org/>.

And in my ongoing exploration of the takeout providers of Port Townsend, I sipped from The Cup restaurant for lunch this week. It was difficult choosing from the menu, since the restaurant offers breakfast dishes all day long. But I went with a maritime theme: Alaskan cod fish tacos and the open-face crab sandwich. The tacos were light with corn tortillas of exactly the right texture, while the crab paired well with the artichoke on the cushiony roll. I also want to praise the cheerful service the women at the Cup provide. That makes all the difference on a rainy day.

And that is the story for What's Out There. I'm Diane Urbani de la Paz, here for you on KPTZ. Thanks for listening.