

POPCORN HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some binge worthy movie and TV series you can spend your time watching while you stay at home social distancing, keeping yourself, as well as others, safe.



Never Rarely Sometimes Always

Never Rarely Sometimes Always is a drama film, first released on January 24, 2020. It was written and directed by Eliza Hittman, produced by Adele Romanski and Sara Murphy, distributed by Focus

Features, and stars Sidney Flanigan, Talia Ryder and Théodore Pellerin, among others. The film follows the lives of two girls who, after having an unplanned pregnancy, go to New York City for help.



White House Farm

White House Farm is a crime-drama miniseries, written by Kris Mrksa and Giulia Sandler, directed by Paul Whittington, produced by Lee Thomas under the banner of *New Pictures*, distributed by All3Media,

and stars Freddie Fox, Mark Addy and Gemma Whelan, among others. The plot follows the true events of the murders of five members of a family in an Essex farmhouse in 1985. It was aired on January 8, 2020 on ITV.

Unorthodox

Unorthodox is a German-American drama miniseries, which has been loosely based on Deborah Feldman's autobiography, *Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots*. It has been directed by Maria Schrader, produced by Alexa Karolinski, and stars Shira Haas, Amit Rahav and Jeff Wilbusch, among others. The series tells the story of a young woman who runs away from her arranged marriage and moves abroad, but the life she leaves behind catches up to



her. It was released on March 26, 2020 on Netflix, and is the first series to be primarily in Yiddish.



WHEN THE STREET LIGHTS GO ON

When the Street Lights Go On is a crime-drama TV series, follows the lives of the residents of a small suburb, as they deal with the double-homicide of a girl and a teacher. It was written by Chris Hutton and

Eddie O'Keefe, directed by Rebecca Thomas and Brett Morgen, distributed by Quibi, and stars Ben Ahlers, Cameron Bancroft and Jana Berengel, among others. The series was first aired on April 6, 2020.



Yeh Ballet is a drama film on Netflix, based on the eponymous documentary by Taraporevala. It has been written and directed by Sooni Taraporevala, produced by Siddharth Roy Kapur Roy Kapur Films, and stars Julian Sands, Manish Chauhan and Achintya Bose, among others. The film

follows the story of two teenagers in Mumbai as they pursue their dream of dancing against all odds, under the guidance of their unorthodox ballet master. It was originally released on February 21, 2020.

Amina Hossain & Shreya Shomoyeeta

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RIAZ'S REQUEST



Covid-19 had already been declared as a global pandemic for some time now. Due to this, doctors around the world have given people instructions on how to avoid it. We have to follow these instructions not just to save ourselves, but to save others as well. While speaking to Star Showbiz, actor Riaz said, "During these difficult times, the day labourers are suffering the most as they cannot go out to earn a living. Many of them have been suffering from a food shortage. Aside from the government helping

people, our country's wealthy and artists all over the spectrum have also come forward to help, and I think that it is a great initiative. However, some people are helping others to increase their own publicity. They are taking pictures of themselves giving donations or food to people. We must keep in mind that the people we are helping must not end up feeling belittled by having pictures of them taken while receiving donations. My main request to the readers would be to remain calm and not panic."

A SONG in Confinement

In the ongoing battle with Covid-19, every single person around the globe is being severely affected. Similar to other individuals from the entertainer industry, singers are also maintaining social distance by staying at home and performing songs. Rahul Ananda from *Joler Gaan* has released a new song, *Oboruddho Diner Gaan*, for the people in quarantine. The lyrics of the song have been written by Shawon Akand. It has been uploaded on *Joler Gaan Fan Club's Facebook* page. The song has been highly praised by listeners.



BOBBY APPRECIATES KINDNESS

For the last few months, the global pandemic has led actor Bobby to resort to self quarantine. However, she has not been sitting idle. She has lent a hand to help out those who are underprivileged by distributing food in different areas of the city, including Mirpur, Kawran Bazar and Kamlapur. She has also helped in ensuring that street dwellers, especially children, do not go hungry during these difficult times. Additionally, she has extended her help to the makeup and cinema production staff. Besides this, she is spending her time cooking and watching movies or Netflix web series. Bobby shared her thoughts on the current situation and said, "I would request everyone to stay at home and only go out for essentials. Only then can we be safe and keep others safe. That is how we can hope for an end to this pandemic. In these dire times, however, people have become more kind and compassionate, which I really appreciate."

disturbed

Rab Ne Bana De Jodi actor Anushka Sharma criticised the attacks on medical practitioners and discrimination faced by coronavirus patients in the country. She took to *Twitter* and posted a statement in this regard, "Deeply disturbed reading some reports about how coronavirus patients and even some medical professionals who are in the frontline taking care of such patients are being discriminatedly treated," She also added, "At times like this, it is important that we care for each other and are extremely sensitive to the suffering of others. Let's not treat fellow citizens with disrespect and stigma. It's the time to stay united and stand united."



Clooney's extends help

Hollywood's A-list couple, actor George Clooney and wife Amal Clooney, recently made a huge contribution to help the people in need during this crisis of epic proportions. According to *Deadline*, the couple has donated over \$1 million directed towards six different funds and charities in need. They have donated \$250,000 each to *The Motion Picture and Television home*, where the actor is a board member, the *SAG-AFTRA FUND*, and *Los Angeles Mayors Fund*. An additional \$300,000 has also been contributed to three international charities — *Lebanese Food Bank*, *Lombardo Italy Region* and the *National Health System* in the UK. Apart from the Clooneys, other celebs who have made contributions towards COVID-19 relief efforts include Ryan Reynolds-Blake Lively, Angelina Jolie, Rihanna, Kylie Jenner, Shawn Mendes, Jay-Z and others.

MIA farrow tweets bad news



News about newly infected cases around the globe has been spreading like wildfire, and many actors from Hollywood and their loved ones fell prey to this invisible threat. Recently, veteran actor Mia Farrow took to *Twitter* and shared a tweet about her adopted daughter Quincy, who has been diagnosed with coronavirus. She tweeted, "A personal request. If you would be so kind, would you please send up a prayer for my daughter Quincy. Today she had no alternative but to go to the hospital for help in her struggle against the coronavirus." Quincy Farrow-LePine is the actor's youngest child. Quincy was adopted in 1994, post Farrow's split from filmmaker Woody Allen. Quincy is married and has a baby daughter named Coretta.