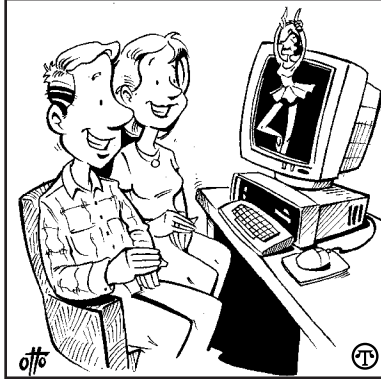


Entertainment News and Notes Internet Entertainment

(NAPSA)—A growing number of people are putting aside the remote control, surfing the Web instead of the TV channels in order to broaden their entertainment horizons.



A new Web site gives viewers a front-row seat for plenty of classical entertainment.

One popular Internet destination is www.onlineclassics.com, an Internet broadcaster dedicated to the performing arts. The site transports viewers to some of the best venues and performances in the world, all enjoyed from the comfort of your home.

You can spend an evening with the Three Tenors, José Cura or Sylvia McNair, and gain access to venues such as the Vienna State Opera, the Salzburg Festival or the San Francisco Opera, all thanks to state-of-the-art streaming technology.

The site is simple to navigate, has a useful search tool and is broken down into seven performance sections, including opera, chamber music, orchestral and dance. Find what you would like to watch and you're just one click away from relaxing and enjoying it.

New and live broadcasts are added each week, so it is definitely worth becoming a registered user and receiving regular e-mail alerts. Members also enjoy an international listings calendar, a letters page, screen savers and a growing archive of Music Bytes—serving up favorite musical moments from the greats of the classical world.

For users streaming a performance via a high-end line (ISDN or broadband), there is a \$3.99 viewing fee. For low-end access it is totally free to watch any performance. Avid classics lovers should consider subscribing, which costs just \$11.50 a month.

All content is streamed in Windows Media format and as such you will need to download the Windows Media Player. To download for free, just go to www.microsoft.com/windows/mediaplayer/download. So experiment and create your own viewing schedule at www.onlineclassics.com.