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**SEATTLE ARTS & LECTURES ANNOUNCES 2021/22
SEASON FEATURING LOUISE ERDRICH, CATHY PARK
HONG, DANIEL JAMES BROWN, RICHARD POWERS, &
MORE**

***New 3-part series curated by Ijeoma Oluo launches; all
season tickets include online streaming option***

Seattle, WA—JUNE 7, 2021: Today, Seattle Arts & Lectures (SAL) announced their 2021/22 Season at 10:00 AM (PT). **Subscriptions are now on sale** for all 2021/22 series including the Literary Arts Series, Ijeoma Oluo Presents: Our Existence Beyond Trauma Series, Journalism Series, Poetry Series, and Women You Need to Know (WYNK) Series, as well as a 15-part Super SAL subscription for those who want maximum SAL inspiration. Four-part Create Your Own Series subscriptions, select In-Person Single Tickets, and all Single Digital Passes will go on sale **July 12**.

Seattle Arts & Lectures' 2021/22 Season is presented by the *Seattle Times*.

A few highlights of SAL's 2021/22 Season include the following:

- **Louise Erdrich** will join the **Literary Arts Series** on Nov 10, 2021, to discuss her new novel, *The Sentence*.
Cathy Park Hong will join the **Ijeoma Oluo Presents: Our Existence Beyond Trauma Series** on Jan 28, 2022, to discuss *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning* with series curator Ijeoma Oluo.
Daniel James Brown will join the **Literary Arts Series** on Mar 15, 2022, to talk about *Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II*.
Richard Powers, author of *The Overstory*, will join the **Literary Arts Series** on Apr 19, 2022, to discuss his new book, *Bewilderment*.

SAL will present a full season of programming; most fall events will be online-only, with events held in winter and spring taking place in-person and online. In-person tickets will always automatically include digital access. At the moment, SAL is offering in-person access to subscribers only. SAL also has a new \$10 ticket option, available to everyone, at every series event.

SAL's Interim Executive Director and program curator, Rebecca Hoogs, said, "The last year was one of learning, leaps, and pivots. As we enter the unknown dance of the year to come, we're excited to bring the best of last year to the chapter ahead. For most events, you'll have the choice to be in-person or online—or even to attend an event in-person and then watch it again at home within the week. We hope these expanded options allow you to stay safe and supported, curious and connected. The writers we will feature this season will delight, inspire, challenge, and educate us as they also help us to navigate our collective re-entry and our hopes for reinvention. I hope you'll join us for the chapter ahead!"

The **Literary Arts Series** presents talks and conversations with the leading fiction and non-fiction writers of our time. Fall events will be online-only and winter/spring events will be held in-person at Benaroya Hall's S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium, with an online streaming option for all events.

All Literary Arts Series, Create Your Own Series, and Super SAL subscriptions (except Student/25 & Under) will receive copies of Groff's, Erdrich's, and Powers' forthcoming books.

- **Lauren Groff**
Oct 7, 2021
Online-Only
Two-time National Book Award finalist for *Fates and Furies*, *Florida*, and new book—*Matrix*
- **Louise Erdrich**
Nov 10, 2021
Online-Only
National Book Award winner and author of *The Round House*, *Love Medicine*, and new book—*The Sentence*
- **Bernardine Evaristo**
Jan 24, 2022
In-Person & Online
2019 Booker Prize winner for *Girl, Woman, Other*, and new book—*Manifesto: On Never Giving Up*
- **Charles Yu**
Feb 15, 2022
In-Person & Online
2020 National Book Award winner for *Interior Chinatown*, *Westworld* writer
- **Daniel James Brown**
Mar 15, 2022
In-Person & Online
The Boys in the Boat, new book—*Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II*

- **Richard Powers**
Apr 19, 2022
In-Person & Online
2019 Pulitzer Prize winner for *The Overstory*, new book—*Bewilderment*

Ijeoma Oluo Presents: Our Existence Beyond Trauma Series, is SAL's new community-curated series, curated by Ijeoma Oluo and co-presented by Langston Seattle. Fall will be online-only. Winter and spring events will be held in-person at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute and will be streamed online.

- **Cathy Park Hong**
Jan 28, 2022
In-Person & Online
Poet and author of the essay collection *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning*
- 2 more speakers to be added to the Ijeoma Oluo: Our Existence Beyond Trauma Series

The **Journalism Series** was created in partnership with National Book Award-winning writer and correspondent Timothy Egan, and renowned journalist Sam Howe Verhovek. Created by journalists for journalists and protectors of free press. Fall events will be online-only and winter/spring events will be held at Town Hall Seattle and will be streamed online.

All Journalism Series, Create Your Own Series, and Super SAL subscriptions (except Student/25 & Under) include a copy of Jelani Cobb's forthcoming book.

- **Jelani Cobb**
Date TBD, Fall 2021
Online-Only
Race, politics, history, and culture writer for *The New Yorker*, new anthology—*The Matter of Black Lives*
- **Connie Walker**
May 12, 2022
In-Person & Online
Host of podcast *Stolen: The Search for Jermain*, about a missing Indigenous mother, and what it means to be an Indigenous woman in America
- 1 more event to be added to the Journalism Series

The **Poetry Series** presents established and emerging poets for readings, talks, and conversations. The 2021/22 Poetry Series will take place at Hugo House and will also be streamed online.

All Poetry Series, Create Your Own Series, and Super SAL subscriptions (except Student/25 & Under) include a copy of Kaveh Akbar's forthcoming book.

- **Kaveh Akbar**
Oct 15, 2021
In-Person & Online
Calling a Wolf a Wolf, new book—*Pilgrim Bell*
- **The James Welch Prize, featuring Sherwin Bitsui and Kenzie Allen**
Nov 5, 2021
In-Person & Online
Featuring the judge and winner of the inaugural prize for Indigenous Poets. Presented in collaboration with Hugo House and *Poetry Northwest*
- **Rita Dove**
Dec 3, 2021
Online-Only
1987 Pulitzer Prize winner for *Thomas and Beulah*, former U.S. Poet Laureate, new book—*Playlist for the Apocalypse*
- **Don Mee Choi**
Apr 7, 2022
In-Person & Online
2020 National Book Award winner for *DMZ Colony*

The **Women You Need to Know (WYNK) Series** features and celebrates icons, trouble-makers, and visionaries across genres. Fall events will be online-only and winter/spring events will be held at Town Hall Seattle and will be streamed online.

All WYNK Series, Create Your Own Series, and Super SAL subscriptions (except Student/25 & Under) include a copy of Nelson's forthcoming book.

- **Maggie Nelson in Conversation with Danzy Senna**
Sep 14, 2021
Online-Only
2015 National Book Critics Circle Award winner for *The Argonauts*, new book—*On Freedom: Four Songs of Care and Constraint*
- **Mira Jacob**
Mar 8, 2022
In-Person & Online
Novelist, memoirist, illustrator, and cultural critic; *Good Talk: A Memoir in Conversations*
- **Natalie Baszile**
May 5, 2022
In-Person & Online

Author and filmmaker, *Queen Sugar*, new book—*We Are Each Other's Harvest: Celebrating African American Farmers, Land, and Legacy*

SAL Presents includes authors, artists, and prominent thinkers discussing their latest works, and other exciting literary surprises. All events at various venues and/or streamed online. Tickets will go on sale July 12.

- **Anthony Doerr**
Sep 28, 2021
S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium, Benaroya Hall & Online
2015 Pulitzer Prize winner for *All the Light We Cannot See*, new book—*Cloud Cuckoo Land*, included with all tickets (except Student/25 & Under)
- **The Moth Mainstage**
S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium, Benaroya Hall & Digital
May 18, 2022
Each Moth Mainstage features simple, old-fashioned storytelling by five wildly divergent raconteurs who develop and shape their stories with The Moth's directors. Theme & storytellers to be announced Spring 2022.

More events will be added throughout the year!

Subscription Information:

- 2021/22 Literary Arts Series, Ijeoma Oluo Presents Series, Journalism Series, Poetry Series, and WYNK Series are **on sale now**, as is a 15-part Super SAL subscription.
- 4-part Create Your Own Series subscriptions and Digital-Only 4-part Create Your Own Series subscriptions will go on sale **July 12**.
- Single tickets for special events with Anthony Doerr and The Moth Mainstage will also go on sale **July 12**.
- Single tickets for series events will go on sale **as space allows**.
- A 15-part **Super SAL subscription** entitles the subscriber to 15 events of their choice. Associated books are included at no added cost. Super SAL: \$1,200.
- **Digital ticket passes:** Digital passes are “pay-what-you-can” and price begins at \$10. Suggested price is \$25. Digital passes go on sale on July 12.
- Student/25 & Under subscriptions require valid ID (full-time student ID or age 25 or under).

6-part Literary Arts Series subscriptions are available at Grand Patron, Patron, Founders Tier, General, Balcony, and Student/25 & Under levels. All Literary Arts Series, Create Your Own Series, and Super SAL subscriptions (except Student/25 & Under) include a copy of Groff's, Erdrich's, and Powers' forthcoming books.

- Grand Patron: \$519

- Patron: \$419
- Founders Tier: \$339
- General: \$279
- Balcony: \$119
- Student/25 & Under: \$49

3-part Ijeoma Oluo Presents: Our Existence Beyond Trauma Series

subscriptions, curated by Ijeoma Oluo and co-presented by Langston Seattle, available at Grand Patron, Patron, General, Reduced Price, and Student/25 & Under levels.

- Grand Patron: \$249
- Patron: \$189
- General: \$109
- Reduced Price: \$39
- Student/25 & Under: \$19

3-part Journalism Series subscriptions are available at Grand Patron, Patron, General, Side Wing, and Student/25 & Under levels. All Journalism Series, Create Your Own Series, and Super SAL subscriptions (except Student/25 & Under) include a copy of Cobb's forthcoming book.

- Grand Patron: \$249
- Patron: \$189
- General: \$109
- Side Wing: \$39
- Student/25 & Under: \$19

Poetry Series subscriptions are available at Grand Patron, Patron, General, Reduced Price, and Student/25 & Under levels. All Poetry Series, Create Your Own Series, and Super SAL subscriptions (except Student/25 & Under) include a copy of Akbar's forthcoming book.

- Grand Patron: \$329
- Patron: \$249
- General: \$119
- Reduced Price: \$49
- Student/25 & Under: \$19

Women You Need to Know (WYNK) subscriptions are available at Grand Patron, Patron, General, Reduced Price, and Student/25 & Under levels. All WYNK Series, Create Your Own Series, and Super SAL subscriptions (except Student/25 & Under) include a copy of Nelson's forthcoming book.

- Grand Patron: \$249
- Patron: \$189
- General: \$109
- Side Wing: \$39
- Student/25 & Under: \$19

Subscriptions are available online at lectures.org or by phone at 206.621.2230 x10.

About Seattle Arts & Lectures: Founded in 1987, Seattle Arts & Lectures cultivates transformative experiences through story and language with readers and writers of all generations. SAL's programs include the Literary Arts Series, Ijeoma Oluo Presents: Our Existence Beyond Trauma Series, Journalism Series, Poetry Series, Women You Need to Know (WYNK) Series, SAL Presents, Local Voices, Summer Book Bingo, the Youth Poet Laureate (YPL) program, and Writers in the Schools (WITS). For more information about SAL, visit lectures.org.

Speaker photos available upon request.

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