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## SEATTLE ARTS & LECTURES ADDS CONVERSATION WITH TRAYVON MARTIN'S PARENTS TO WINTER LINE-UP

**Seattle, WA— November 15, 2016:** Seattle Arts & Lectures (SAL) announces the addition of an event on February 15, 2017 with Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin, the parents of Trayvon Martin. This conversation will honor the publication of ***Rest in Power: The Enduring Life of Trayvon Martin by Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin***. The book, told through the alternating narratives of his parents, will be published to coincide with what would have been Trayvon's 22nd birthday on February 5<sup>th</sup>, and in advance of the five-year anniversary of his tragic death on February 26th.

The book will be the first time that Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin offer the inside story of their son's life and struggles, his tragic death, and the transformative movement for justice and healing that grew from that tragedy, a movement that is still building around the country. The story of Trayvon Martin was covered in the media, shouted out in songs and videos, and cited by the President—and his iconic photo, a teenaged boy in a hoodie gazing into the camera, was seen all over the world. But this book will take us behind the news cycle, controversies, and images to give the deeper account that only his parents can provide: The story of the beautiful and complex child they lost, the grief and confusion that followed, the cruel unresponsiveness of the police and the hostility of the legal system, and how two humble, hardworking parents were powered by love for their lost child to fight against an indifferent system to make their son's life meaningful, even in death.

Tickets are \$5 for Students, \$10 for General, or \$30 for a ticket and book (which retails for \$26). Tickets are available online at [lectures.org](http://lectures.org) or by phone at 206.621.2230 x10.

This event is part of SAL's Hinge Series. Hinge offers a lower ticket price and features authors, artists, leaders and community conversations discussing books that are artistically, socially, and culturally relevant to our time.

Seattle Arts & Lectures' 2016/17 Season is presented by the *Seattle Times*.

**About Seattle Arts & Lectures:** Founded in 1987, Seattle Arts & Lectures champions the literary arts by engaging and inspiring readers and writers of all generations in the Puget Sound region. SAL's programs include the Literary Arts Series, Poetry Series, Women You Need to Know, SAL Presents, Hinge, Sherman Alexie Loves; and Writers in the Schools, an award-winning reading and writing program that places professional writers in public elementary, middle, and high schools. For more information about SAL, visit [lectures.org](http://lectures.org). Photos available upon request.

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