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**SEATTLE ARTS & LECTURES ANNOUNCES 2020/21 SEASON  
FEATURING YAMICHE ALCINDOR, MADELINE MILLER, IBRAM X.  
KENDI, OCEAN VOUNG, & MORE**  
*SAL launches \$10 tickets for all series events;  
all tickets to include online streaming option*

**Seattle, WA—JUNE 16, 2020:** Tonight, Seattle Arts & Lectures (SAL) announced their [2020/21 Season on YouTube](#) at 5:30 PM (PDT). **Subscriptions are now on sale** for the 2020/21 Literary Arts Series, Journalism Series, Poetry Series, and Women You Need to Know Series, as is a 15-part Super SAL Subscription for those who want maximum SAL inspiration. Single tickets for special events are also on sale now. Four-part Create Your Own Series subscriptions will go on sale **July 13**, and single tickets for all events (including digital passes) will go on sale **August 17**.

Seattle Arts & Lectures' 2020/21 Season is presented by the *Seattle Times*.

A few highlights of SAL's 2020/21 Season include the following:

- **Yamiche Alcindor** will open the **Journalism Series** on Nov.10, 2020, to talk about the recently held 2020 Presidential Election. Alcindor is the White House correspondent for *PBS NewsHour* and often discusses the intersection of race and politics.
- **Madeline Miller** will join **Literary Arts Series** on Jan. 27, 2021, to discuss her best-selling reimaginations of Greek myths, *Circe* and *The Song of Achilles*.
- **Ibram X. Kendi** will join the **Literary Arts Series** on April 7, 2021. Kendi is the author of *How to Be an Antiracist* and *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*.
- **Ocean Vuong**, poet and novelist of *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous*, closes the **Literary Arts Series** on June 9, 2021.

In spite of the uncertainty caused by COVID-19, SAL will present a full season of programming, and their programs will go on whether in person or online. If they are able to hold an event in person, they will also stream the event for those who prefer to watch from

home. SAL is also launching a brand new \$10 ticket option, available to everyone, at every series event.

SAL's Associate Director and program curator, Rebecca Hoogs, said, "Last fall, through our Strategic Planning Process, we heard from so many generous community members who asked for greater access to our events. We're really excited to thus be launching a \$10 ticket option to all series events this coming year, as well as a 'pay-what-you-can' digital ticket option when single tickets go on sale in August. In addition, we've committed to offering digital access for all in-person events, recognizing that many in our community will be vulnerable to COVID-19 after venues officially open, and also recognizing that geography, transit, traffic, and life circumstances can be a deterrent to seeing SAL speakers on stage. By adding these new options, we hope to break down the barriers that prevent people from feeling welcomed at SAL events. We hope to create a sense of increased belonging for everyone in our community."

The **Literary Arts Series** presents talks and conversations with the leading fiction and non-fiction writers of our time. All events will be held at S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium, Benaroya Hall and will also be streamed online.

All Literary Arts Series and Create Your Own Series subscribers (except Student/25 & Under) will receive copies of Gyasi's and Roach's new books.

- **Yaa Gyasi**  
Nov. 16, 2020  
National Book Foundation's "5 under 35" honoree, author of *Homegoing*. This fall she will publish a new novel, *Transcendent Kingdom*.
- **Madeline Miller**  
Jan. 27, 2021  
*New York Times* best-selling author of *Circe* and *The Song of Achilles*.
- **Bill Bryson**  
Feb. 21, 2021  
Travel and non-fiction writer, author of *A Short History of Nearly Everything* and many others.
- **Ibram X. Kendi**  
Apr. 7, 2021  
Historian and National Book Award winner, author of *How to Be an Antiracist* and *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*.
- **Mary Roach**  
May 9, 2021

Popular science and humorist writer, author of *Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers* and more. She will speak on her forthcoming book, an investigation of human and animal encounters.

- **Ocean Vuong**

June 9, 2021

Poet and novelist, author of *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous*.

The **Poetry Series** presents established and emerging poets for readings, talks, and conversations. The 2020/21 Poetry Series will take place at Hugo House and will also be streamed online.

- **Maggie Smith**

Jan. 22, 2021

“Good Bones” poet, author of 3 books of poetry and a forthcoming book of essays, *Keep Moving: Notes on Loss, Creativity, and Change* and more.

- **Toi Derricotte**

Feb. 26, 2021

Cave Canem co-founder, National Book Award Finalist, and author of *I: New & Selected Poems*.

- **A Talk by Douglas Kearney**

Mar. 31, 2021

Poet, mixed-media performer, librettist, and author of *Buck Studies* and 5 more. Presented in collaboration with the Bagley Wright Lecture Series on Poetry.

- **Alberto Ríos**

May 28, 2021

Poet and memoirist. National Book Award Finalist and Poet Laureate of Arizona.

The **Women You Need to Know (WYNK) Series** features and celebrates icons, trouble-makers, and visionaries across genres. The Series takes place at Town Hall Seattle and will also be streamed online.

All Women You Need to Know and Create Your Own Series subscribers (except Student/25 & Under) will receive copies of Rankine’s new book.

- **Claudia Rankine** (*digital only*)

Sep. 25, 2020

National Book Award Finalist and author of *Citizen: An American Lyric*. Rankine will speak about her new book, *Just Us: An American Conversation*.

- **Gabrielle Hamilton**  
Feb. 5, 2021  
Chef and author of *Blood, Bones & Butter: The Inadvertent Education of a Reluctant Chef*; *New York Times* contributor.
- **Robin Wall Kimmerer**  
Apr. 21, 2021  
Scientist and professor, author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*.

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. Events will be held at S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium, Benaroya Hall and will be streamed online.

- **Yamiche Alcindor** (*digital only*)  
Nov. 10, 2020  
White House correspondent for *PBS NewsHour*.
- **Lawrence Wright**  
Feb. 9, 2021  
Journalist and author of *The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11* and *The End of October*, a prescient medical thriller about a pandemic written well before COVID-19.
- **Patrick Radden Keefe**  
May 10, 2021  
Investigative journalist, *New Yorker* staff writer, and author of *Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland*. His newest project is the hit podcast, *Wind of Change*.

**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.

- **David Mitchell** (*digital only*)  
Jul. 23, 2020  
*New York Times* bestselling author of *Bone Clocks* and *Cloud Atlas*. All tickets (except Student/25 & Under) include a copy of Mitchell's new book, *Utopia Avenue*.
- **Maira Kalman**

Town Hall Seattle

Mar. 15, 2021

Acclaimed writer, illustrator, and artist. Author of new book: an illustrated edition of *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas*.

- **Natalie Diaz**

Town Hall Seattle

Apr. 30, 2021

Acclaimed poet and author of *When My Brother Was an Aztec* and *Postcolonial Love Poem*.

- **The Moth Mainstage**

S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium, Benaroya Hall

May 21, 2021

Each Moth Mainstage features simple, old-fashioned storytelling by five wildly divergent raconteurs who develop and shape their stories with The Moth's directors.

**More events will be added throughout the year!**

**Subscription Information:**

- 2020/21 Literary Arts Series, Journalism Series, Poetry Series, and Women You Need to Know Series are **on sale now**, as is a 15-part Super SAL Subscription.
- Single tickets for special events with Maira Kalman, Natalie Diaz, and The Moth Mainstage are also on sale now.
- Four-part Create Your Own Series subscriptions will go on sale **July 13**.
- Single tickets for series events will go on sale **August 17**.
- 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: \$1,000.
- **New single ticket price level:** \$10 tickets available to all, at every series event. Will be available on August 17.
- **New digital ticket passes:** Digital passes are “pay-what-you-can” and begin at \$10. Digital passes go on sale on August 17.
- 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 LAS and Create Your Own Series subscriptions (except Student/25 & Under) include a copy of Gyasi's and Roach's new books.

- Grand Patron: \$479
- Patron: \$379
- Founders Tier: \$299

- General: \$239
- Balcony: \$79
- Student: \$49

**3-part Journalism Series subscriptions** are available at Grand Patron, Patron, Founders Tier, General, Balcony, and Student/25 & Under levels.

- Grand Patron: \$239
- Patron: \$179
- Founders Tier: \$139
- General: \$109
- Balcony: \$35
- Student: \$19

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

- Grand Patron: \$239
- Patron: \$179
- General: \$99
- Side Wing: \$29
- Student: \$19

**Poetry Series subscriptions** are available at Grand Patron, Patron, General, and Student/25 & Under levels.

- Grand Patron: \$319
- Patron: \$239
- General: \$79
- Student: \$19

Subscriptions are available online at [lectures.org](http://lectures.org) or by phone at 206.621.2230 x10.

For ticket prices for special events, check out our website: [lectures.org](http://lectures.org).

**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 (WYNK), Journalism Series, SAL Presents, Hinge, 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](http://lectures.org).

Speaker photos available upon request.

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