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**COMEDY TELEVISION CREATOR MICHAEL SCHUR JOINS
SEATTLE ARTS & LECTURES' 2021/22 SEASON**
*This in-person & livestreamed event will celebrate the
publication of Schur's book *How to Be Perfect**

Seattle, WA—DECEMBER 2, 2021: [Seattle Arts & Lectures \(SAL\)](https://www.seattleartsandlectures.org) announced the addition of Michael Schur to its 2021/22 Season lineup as part of their SAL Presents series of special events. The event with Schur will be at Town Hall Seattle on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. (PT) and livestreamed online. The event will also be available online for a week afterwards, so the event can be rewatched at one's leisure.

Tickets are available now at lectures.org and include a copy of Schur's book, *How to Be Perfect*, mailed to the ticket holder's door by our partner bookstore. There are a limited number of \$10 tickets that do not come with a book; Student/25 & Under and complimentary tickets also do not include a book.

Michael Schur, the creator of *The Good Place* and the co-creator of *Parks and Recreation*, *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, and more of television's best comedies, will speak about his new book, *How to Be Perfect*—a hilarious, thought-provoking guide to living an ethical life, drawing on 2,500 years of deep thinking from around the world. With bright wit and insight from millennia of smart philosophers, Schur will explain concepts like deontology, utilitarianism, existentialism, ubuntu, and more so we can sound cool at parties *and* become better people.

Most people think of themselves as “good,” but it's not always easy to determine what's “good” or “bad”—especially in a world filled with complicated choices and pitfalls and booby traps and bad advice. Fortunately, many smart philosophers have been pondering this conundrum for millennia and they have

guidance for us. With bright wit and deep insight, *How to Be Perfect* explains concepts like deontology, utilitarianism, existentialism, ubuntu, and more so we can sound cool at parties *and* become better people.

Schur starts off with easy ethical questions like “Should I punch my friend in the face for no reason?” (No.) and works his way up to the most complex moral issues we all face. Such as: Can I still enjoy great art if it was created by terrible people? How much money should I give to charity? Why bother being good at all when there are no consequences for being bad? And much more. By the time the book is done, we’ll know exactly how to act in every conceivable situation, so as to produce a verifiably maximal amount of moral good. We will be perfect, and all our friends will be jealous. OK, not quite. Instead, we’ll gain fresh, funny, inspiring wisdom on the toughest issues we face every day.

Michael Schur is a television writer and producer who has worked on shows like *The Office*, *Master of None*, *The Comeback*, and *Hacks*, and created or co-created *Parks and Recreation*, *Brooklyn 99*, *The Good Place*, and *Rutherford Falls*. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife Jennifer and their two kids, William and Ivy.

Ticket Information:

Most ticket levels include the ticket, the book, and shipping & handling.

In-person single ticket pricing (includes digital access):

- Student/25 & Under Single Ticket: \$5 (Does not include book)
- Side Wing Single Ticket: \$10 (Does not include book)
- Side Wing Single Ticket & Book: \$40
- General Single Ticket & Book: \$65
- Patron Single Ticket & Book: \$90
- Grand Patron Single Ticket & Book: \$110

Digital Pass pricing:

- Student/25 & Under: \$5 (Does not include book)
- Reduced Price / No Book Digital Pass: \$10 (Does not include book)
- Reduced Price Digital Pass & Book: \$40

- Suggested Price Digital Pass & Book: \$55
- Household Digital Pass & Book: \$80
- Big Heart Digital Pass & Book: \$130

Tickets are available at lectures.org or by calling the SAL Box Office at 206.621.2230, ext. 10.

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, Poetry Series, Women You Need to Know (WYNK), Journalism 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.

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