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**ADDED TO SEATTLE ARTS & LECTURES' 2021/22 SEASON:
BILLIE JEAN KING, PATRISSE CULLORS, SONYA RENEE
TAYLOR, PETER WOHLLEBEN, & ED YONG**
*All Subscriptions, select Single Tickets, and all Digital
Passes on sale now; all In-Person Single Tickets go on sale
August 9*

Seattle, WA—JULY 27, 2021: Seattle Arts & Lectures (SAL) has added **Billie Jean King** and **Peter Wohlleben** to the SAL Presents series of special events for their 2021/22 season line-up. In addition, “Ijeoma Oluo Presents: Our Existence Beyond Trauma,” has added two events: **Patrisse Cullors** and **Sonya Renee Taylor**. The Journalism Series has also added a third event with **Ed Yong**. The Literary Arts Series event with **Lauren Groff** will now be offered in-person and online, with a **new date and time:** October 17, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. (PT). Additionally, the event with **Jelani Cobb**, part of the Journalism Series, will now be offered in-person and online, with a **new date and time:** November 3, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. (PT).

SAL is offering online access for all events. In-person access is offered for select events this fall and for all events in the winter and spring of 2022.

Added Events

August 17 - Billie Jean King is a pathbreaking feminist, champion of equality, and a world-class athlete. Her new memoir, *All In*, chronicles King’s journey to find her true self, from her humble beginnings to her brilliant tennis career, her activism, and her unwavering commitment to fairness and social justice.

October 27 – Patrisse Cullors is the *New York Times* best-selling author of *When They Call You a Terrorist* and the co-founder of the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation. In her new book, *An Abolitionist’s Handbook*, Cullors charts a framework for how everyday activists can effectively fight for an

abolitionist present and future.

November 16 - Peter Wohlleben, renowned forester and *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Hidden Life of Trees*, describes what he learned by listening to trees. In his newest work, *The Heartbeat of Trees*, he delves deeper, drawing on research and new scientific discoveries to show how humans are deeply connected to the natural world.

February 10 - Ed Yong is a science journalist who won a Pulitzer Prize in 2021 for his coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic. Yong writes about everything that is or was once alive, from the microbes that secretly rule the world to the species disappearing from it. A staff writer for *The Atlantic*, Yong is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *I Contain Multitudes*, a book about the amazing partnerships between animals and microbes. In examining nature at its most granular, Yong's writing seeks to change our sense of where humans belong within it.

May 2 - Sonya Renee Taylor is a world-renowned activist and the founder and Radical Executive Officer of *The Body is Not An Apology*, a digital media and education company promoting radical self-love and body empowerment as the foundational tool for social justice and global transformation. Taylor is also a former national and international poetry slam champion, the author of two books, including *The Body is Not an Apology: The Power of Radical Self-Love*, and an educator who has enlightened and inspired organizations, audiences, and individuals, from board rooms to prisons, universities to homeless shelters, elementary schools to some of the biggest stages in the world.

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. Four-part Create Your Own Series subscriptions, select In-Person Single Tickets, and all Single Digital Passes are also on sale now.

Single in-person tickets for all events will go on sale August 9, 2021, at 10 a.m.

SAL will present a full season of programming and in-person tickets will always automatically include digital access. 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!"

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

The **Literary Arts Series** presents talks and conversations with the leading fiction and nonfiction writers of our time. All events (excluding Louise Erdrich) will be held at Benaroya Hall's S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium, with an online streaming option for all events. Louise Erdrich will be online-only.

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**
New Date: Oct 17, 2021
Now In-Person & Online
Two-time National Book Award finalist for *Fates and Furies* and *Florida*; new book: *Matrix*
- **Louise Erdrich**
Nov 10, 2021
Online-Only
National Book Award winner and author of *The Round House*, *Love Medicine*; new book: *The Sentence*
- **Bernardine Evaristo**
Jan 24, 2022
In-Person & Online
2019 Booker Prize winner for *Girl, Woman, Other*; new book: *Manifesto: On Never Giving Up*
- **Charles Yu**
Feb 15, 2022
In-Person & Online
2020 National Book Award winner for *Interior Chinatown*; writer for the TV series *Westworld*
- **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, with events selected and hosted 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.

- **Patrisse Cullors**

Oct 27, 2021

Online-Only

Co-founder of Black Lives Matter Global Network and author of *An Abolitionist's Handbook*

- **Cathy Park Hong**

Jan 28, 2022

In-Person & Online

Poet and author of the essay collection *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning*

- **Sonya Renee Taylor**

May 2, 2022

In-Person & Online

Activist, educator, and author of *The Body is Not an Apology: The Power of Radical Self-Love*

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 Town Hall Seattle, with an online streaming option available for all events.

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**

New Date: Nov 3, 2021

Now In-Person & Online

Race, politics, history, and culture writer for *The New Yorker*; new anthology: *The Matter of Black Lives*

- **Ed Yong**

Feb 10, 2022

In-Person & Online

Pulitzer Prize-winning science journalist; author of *I Contain Multitudes*

- **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

The **Poetry Series** presents established and emerging poets for readings, talks, and conversations. The 2021/22 Poetry Series will take place at Hugo House (excluding Rita Dove) and will also be streamed online. Rita Dove's event will be online-only.

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 contest judge Sherwin Bitsui and Kenzie Allen, one of the winners 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, troublemakers, 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 are on sale now.

- **Billie Jean King**
Aug 17, 2021
Online-Only
Pathbreaking feminist, champion of equality, and a world-class athlete, King's new memoir, *All In*, chronicles her journey to find her true self, from her humble beginnings to her brilliant tennis career, her activism, and her unwavering commitment to fairness and social justice. All tickets include a copy of King's new book (except Balcony/Reduced Price and Student/25 & Under tickets).
- **Anthony Doerr**
Sep 28, 2021
In-Person & Online
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 Balcony/Reduced Price and Student/25 & Under tickets).
- **Peter Wohlleben**
Nov 16, 2021
Online-Only
Renowned forester and *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Hidden Life of Trees*, Wohlleben describes what he learned by listening to trees. In his newest work, *The Heartbeat of Trees*, he delves deeper, drawing on research and new scientific discoveries to show how humans are deeply connected to the natural world. All tickets include a copy of Wohlleben's new book (except Balcony/Reduced Price and Student/25 & Under tickets).

- **The Moth Mainstage**

May 18, 2022

In-Person & Online

S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium, Benaroya Hall & Digital

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 and 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.
- Four-part Create Your Own Series subscriptions and Digital-Only 4-part Create Your Own Series subscriptions are on sale now.
- Single tickets for special events with Billie Jean King, Anthony Doerr, Peter Wohlleben, and The Moth Mainstage are on sale now.
- In-Person single tickets for series events will go on sale **August 9**.
- 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 to all events are "pay-what-you-can" and price begins at \$10. Suggested price is \$25. Digital passes are on sale now.
- Student/25 & Under subscriptions require valid ID (full-time student ID or age 25 or under).

Literary Arts Series subscriptions (6 events) 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

Ijeoma Oluo Presents: Our Existence Beyond Trauma Series subscriptions (three events), 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

Journalism Series subscriptions (3 events) 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 (4 events) 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 (3 events) 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 and tickets 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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