



Dear Friends: Together, in 2013/14, we were honored to listen to George Saunders talk about how fiction inherently involves a leap of faith that the writer and the reader make together to imagine a new world. Gillian Flynn shared a key to her mysteries: even she doesn't know how they'll end until she writes her way there. Bob Hicok reminded us that if a poem contains no surprise for the writer, it contains no surprise for the reader. **Leap. Discovery. Delight.** These three words of wisdom encapsulate a year of change and evolution for Seattle Arts & Lectures on stages, in classrooms, and behind the scenes. With your help, we inspired over 17,000 children and adults through our public and education programs, we listened deeply to the community, and we crafted a strategic plan to guide our work throughout the next three years. 2013/14 was an exciting year—five of our six Literary Arts Series lectures sold out, and we loved feeling the momentum build as the season progressed. As we reflect on the last year, we are grateful for the many partners, donors and supporters who made our work possible, and we are excited to share with you our vision for the years to come. Here's to great books, inspiration, community, and taking leaps of faith together.

"The feeling you get from the stage is that SAL—through expert curation, the beautiful venue, the vibe it creates, and its great largesse of spirit—has, over the years, mentored, cultivated, and elevated its audience. Seattle is a great literary city, and SAL plays an essential role in that accomplishment."

—GEORGE SAUNDERS, 13/14 LITERARY ARTS SERIES SPEAKER



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2013/14 Season Speakers

Literary Arts Series

5,745 ATTENDEES

Malcolm Gladwell
 Madhur Jaffrey
 Chip Kidd & Chris Ware
 George Saunders
 Gillian Flynn
 Rebecca Solnit

SAL Presents

467 ATTENDEES

Timothy Geithner

Poetry Series

2,467 ATTENDEES

Stephen Dunn
 Dorothea Lasky
 Bob Hicok
 Christine Deavel &
 J. W. Marshall
 Anne Carson
 Juan Felipe Herrera
 Jorie Graham

SAL U

2,489 ATTENDEES

■ Cliff Mass, "Reading the Northwest Sky: Understanding our Weather and Climate"
 ■ John Delaney, "Our Global Ocean: The Ultimate Planetary Life Support System—New Approaches to an Old Ocean"

2013/14 Financials

Income

TOTAL: \$1,317,103

Individuals: 28%
 Foundations: 5%
 Corporations: 6%
 Public: 5%
 Earned Income: 28%
 In-Kind: 28%

Expenses

TOTAL: \$1,299,440

Literary Arts Series: 17%
 Poetry Series: 9%
 SAL Presents: 2%
 SAL U: 4%
 WITS: 26%
 Admin: 6%
 Fundraising: 8%
 In-Kind: 28%

*Unaudited financials

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We are also immensely grateful to the individuals and additional partners that supported our work last year. A full list is featured on our website: www.lectures.org/support_sal/individual_supporters.php

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 TICKETS & INFORMATION



Writers in the Schools (WITS) inspires young people to discover and develop their authentic writing and performance voices. WITS is the only literary arts education program in the region that pays professional teaching artists to infuse the classroom with the joy of writing while also meeting curriculum standards. WITS serves students where they are—in school—to positively influence the writing, motivation, and lives of every student.

2013/14 Stats

24 sites (23 schools and one hospital)

4 school districts

5,950 students received direct, in-classroom service

2,297 hours of sequential writing instruction (8 – 14 sessions per class)

127 teachers partnered with WITS and received hands-on support and professional development.

An estimated **1,000** students and **25** teachers benefited from WITS through visits from spotlight authors and complimentary tickets to Seattle Arts & Lectures events.

92% of teachers agreed or strongly agreed that the quality of most of their students' writing improved as a result of working with the writer.

96% of teachers agreed or strongly agreed that most of their students' met the learning outcomes established by the writer/teacher pair at the beginning of the residency.

96% of teachers agreed or strongly agreed that most of their students' self-confidence increased as a result of working with the writer.

Students also showed substantial improvement in their revision skills (**80%** increase overall) and expressed an increased ability to think clearly and to tell others what they think.

Paid over **\$200,000** to our WITS writers-in-residence, providing meaningful employment to local writers and strengthening Seattle's literary sector.

"It was an amazing experience for Linh to read her poem up on that stage. Although Linh was ecstatic that her poem was chosen for the book, she did not quite believe it until that night. The entire experience has left her with a sense of self-confidence and pride that as a parent I can only hope for. I know she will always treasure this moment."

— PARENT OF A WITS 4TH GRADER

WITS Writers-in-Residence

Aaron Counts
Ann Teplick
Corinne Manning
Daemond Arrindell
Eli Hastings
Emily Bedard
Erin Malone
Greg Stump
Imani Sims
Johnny Horton
Karen Finneyfrock
Kathleen Flenniken
Laura Gamache
Matt Gano
Michael Overa
Nicole Hardy
Peter Mountford
Rachel Kessler
Ryan Boudinot
Samar Abulhassan
Sara Brickman
Sierra Nelson
Vicky Edmonds

WITS Sites

Ballard High School
B.F. Day Elementary
Blue Heron Middle School
Broadview Thomson K–8
Cascade K–8 Community School
Catharine Blaine K–8
Chief Sealth International High School
Franklin High School
Garfield High School
Health Sciences & Human Services High School
Hutch School
Lafayette Elementary School
McClure Middle School
Nathan Hale High School
Port Townsend High School
Roosevelt High School
Seattle Children's Hospital
Shorewood High School
The Center School
TOPS K–8
View Ridge Elementary School
Washington Middle School
West Seattle High School
Whittier Elementary School

