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**SEATTLE ARTS & LECTURES ANNOUNCES ADDITIONS TO  
30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SEASON**

***Added to Line-Up: Ta-Nehisi Coates, Nikki Giovanni, Kevin Young, and  
More!***

**Seattle, WA— July 7, 2018:** Seattle Arts & Lectures (SAL) announces the addition of several authors to its 2017/18 Season line-up. The upcoming season is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the organization, and the programming will feature some familiar faces from the first 30 years, as well as a look-ahead to the literary luminaries of the coming decades. All subscriptions, including Create-Your-Own Subscriptions, are on sale now, and single tickets will go on sale July 24.

**Additions to the line-up include:**

**SAL Presents:** Events include authors, artists, and prominent thinkers discussing their latest works, and other exciting literary surprises.

- **Ta-Nehisi Coates Sun, Nov. 5, 2017** Coates returns to SAL with his new book, *We Were Eight Years in Power*, a collection of his essays originally published in *The Atlantic* about the Obama era. Coates will be in conversation with SAL Executive Director Ruth Dickey, and tickets include a copy of the book. Coates' second book, *Between the World and Me*, won the 2015 National Book Award for Nonfiction. He has been called "the single best writer on the subject of race in the United States" (*New York Observer*).

**Women You Need to Know (WYNK) Series:** Presenting three fierce female voices at the top of their respective industries.

- **Janet Mock Wed, Oct. 4, 2017** Mock is a writer, TV host, and transgender activist. She was named by *TIME* as one of "12 new faces of black leadership," and one of "the most influential people on the Internet." Her first memoir, *Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love & So Much More*, was a *New York Times* bestseller; her

second memoir, *Surpassing Certainty*, a portrait of her early life searching for purpose and place in the world, was released in June.

- **Ijeoma Oluo Thu, Jan 25, 2018** This event will mark the Seattle launch of Ijeoma Oluo's second book, *So You Want to Talk About Race*. Named one of the most influential people in Seattle by *Seattle Magazine*, Oluo is the Editor-At-Large at *The Establishment*. In this new work, she offers a contemporary, accessible take on the racial landscape in America, addressing head-on such issues as privilege, police brutality, intersectionality, micro-aggressions, the Black Lives Matter movement, and the "N" word. Oluo answers the questions readers don't dare ask, and explains the concepts that continue to elude everyday Americans.
- **Ariel Levy Tue, May 15, 2018** Levy is a staff writer for *The New Yorker* and the author of two books: *Female Chauvinist Pigs*, a classic work on gender and the rise of "raunch culture"; and, published this year, *The Rules Do Not Apply*, a searing memoir of the loss of her unborn baby, and then her marriage; and a "reckoning with the various cultural scripts that have been written for her gender" (*New York Times*).

**Sherman Alexie Loves:** Curated and hosted by Sherman Alexie, this series features three evenings in discussion with authors, artists, and iconoclasts whose work Alexie admires.

- **Nikki Giovanni Fri, Oct. 27, 2017** Poet, activist, and educator Nikki Giovanni has captured America's heart with her fiery, funny, and insightful verse for over 30 years. Giovanni was an integral part of the Civil Rights era, was heavily involved in the Black Arts Movement of the early 1970s, and has been hailed by critics as the "Princess of Black Poetry." Giovanni will discuss her new work, *A Good Cry: What We Learn from Tears and Laughter*, a veritable memoir in verse.
- **A Live Taping of "A Tiny Sense of Accomplishment" Fri, Feb. 2, 2018** Everyone's favorite literary podcast is back! Co-hosted by Sherman Alexie and Jess Walter, this year's edition will feature debut Native authors Terese Mailhot and Tommy Orange, and local Native rapper Supaman. *Heartberries*, the first book by **Terese Mailhot** is a collection of essays forthcoming from Counterpoint Press. *There There*, the first novel by **Tommy Orange**, will be published by Alfred A. Knopf. Christian Parrish Takes the Gun, professionally known as **Supaman**, is an Apsáalooke rapper from Seattle, Washington.
- **Sherman's Book Club—YA Edition featuring Jenny Han, Matt de la Peña, and Nicola Yoon Fri, May 4, 2018** Sherman Alexie will lead an

exciting conversation with three *New York Times* best-selling authors. **Jenny Han** is the author of many books including *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series, *Shug*, *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*, and *P.S. I Still Love You*. **Matt de la Peña** is the author of six young adult novels including *Ball Don't Lie* and *Mexican WhiteBoy*, and two critically-acclaimed picture books including *Last Stop on Market Street*, which was the winner of the 2016 Newbery Medal. **Nicola Yoon** is the author of the young adult novel *Everything, Everything*, which is now a major motion picture, and *The Sun is Also a Star*, a National Book Award finalist.

**Hinge:** Featuring new books by and for the next generation with accessible ticket prices.

- **Kevin Young Thu, Nov 30, 2017** Young is a poet, the Poetry Editor for *The New Yorker*, Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, and, coming this fall, the author of the non-fiction work, *Bunk: The Rise of Hoaxes, Humbug, Plagiarists, Phonies, Post-Facts, and Fake News*. In this book, Young traces the history of the hoax as a peculiarly American phenomenon—the legacy of P. T. Barnum's "humbug" culminating with today's currency of "fake news." Young argues that fakery is woven from stereotype and suspicion, with race being the most insidious American hoax of all.

### **Previously Announced:**

The **Literary Arts Series** presents original talks with the leading fiction and non-fiction writers of our time. The coming season will feature three returning "legacy" authors, as well as three authors who will lead the way to the literature of our future.

- Wed, Oct. 18, 2017 - Ron Chernow
- Tue, Nov. 28, 2017 – Isabel Allende
- Wed, Jan. 17, 2018 – Jesmyn Ward
- Thu, Feb. 15, 2018 – Colson Whitehead
- Fri, Mar. 30, 2018 – Laura Lippman & David Simon
- Mon, May 7, 2017 – Viet Thanh Nguyen

All Grand Patron, Patron, Founders Tier, and General Subscriptions include signed copies of Ron Chernow's new book *Grant* and Isabel Allende's new book *In the Midst of Winter*.

The **Poetry Series** presents established and emerging poets for readings and lectures.

- Mon, Oct. 9, 2017 - Stephen Burt
- Mon, Nov. 13, 2017 - A.E. Stallings
- Wed, Feb. 7, 2018 - Gregory Orr
- Sun, Mar. 4, 2018 - Tyehimba Jess
- Fri, Apr. 27, 2018 - Of an Impossible Country: An Evening with Rachel McKibbens, Benjamin Alire Sáenz, and Javier Zamora
- Mon, May 21, 2018. Aimee Nezhukumatathil

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- Tue, Nov 14, 2017 - Reza Aslan
- Wed, May 23, 2018 - The Moth Mainstage

**Writers in the Schools (WITS)** serves 25 local public schools in Seattle, Highline, Shoreline, and Port Townsend as well as Seattle Children's. WITS honors the writing created through this program with three annual "book-end" events, which are free and open to the public.

- Sun, Sept. 27, 2017 – WITS Anthology Launch
- Wed, May 30 & Thur, May 31, 2018 – WITS Year-End Readings & Celebrations

**Subscription Information:**

- All subscriptions are on sale now.
- Single tickets will go on sale July 24.
- An All SAL Pass entitles the subscriber to attend all events in every series, including added events and associated books. All SAL Pass: \$1,000.
- Literary Arts Series subscriptions are available at Grand Patron, Patron, Founders Tier, General, Balcony, and Student levels. The new books by Ron Chernow and Isabel Allende are included in the Grand Patron, Patron, Founders Tier, and General levels. Grand Patron: \$429. Patron: \$329. Founders Tier: \$259. General: \$199. Balcony: \$109. Student: \$59.
- Poetry Series subscriptions are available at the Grand Patron, Patron, General, and Student levels. Grand Patron: \$359. Patron: \$249. General: \$89. Student: \$35.
- Create-Your-Own subscriptions are available at Patron, General, and Student levels. Each subscription includes four tickets to any four events across all SAL series. Patron: \$229. General: \$139. Student: \$39.
- Patron and Grand Patron tickets include priority seating and admission to special event receptions with the speakers.
- All subscriptions include benefits such as dining deals, bookstore discounts, no handling fees, and priority presale opportunities. In honor of

- SAL's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, all subscribers will receive a special SAL notebook to record favorite quotes, notes, and musings from the events.
- Subscriptions and tickets available online at [lectures.org](http://lectures.org) or by phone at 206.621.2230 x10.

Seattle Arts & Lectures' 2017/18 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 (WYNK), Sherman Alexie Loves, SAL Presents, Hinge, Local Voices, Summer Book Bingo, the Youth Poet Laureate (YPL) program, and Writers in the Schools (WITS), an award-winning reading and writing program that places professional writers in public elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as at Seattle Children's. For more information about SAL, visit [lectures.org](http://lectures.org).

Speaker photos available upon request.

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