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## **TARA WESTOVER JOINS SEATTLE ARTS & LECTURES' 2018/19 SEASON**

**The author of *Educated*, an internationally acclaimed best-selling memoir about education and family, will speak at Benaroya Hall.**

**Seattle, WA—February 1, 2019:** Seattle Arts & Lectures (SAL) announces the addition of Tara Westover to its 2018/19 Season line-up. Westover will appear on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 7:30pm at the S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium at Benaroya Hall as part of their “SAL Presents” series of special events. Tickets are on sale now at [lectures.org](http://lectures.org).

Tara Westover is an American historian and writer known for her unique and courageous education journey. She was born to Mormon survivalist parents opposed to public education; as a result, Tara never attended school. She spent her days working in her father’s junkyard or stewing herbs for her mother until Tara decided to get education and experience the world outside of her community.

Tara taught herself enough mathematics, grammar, and science to take the ACT and was admitted to Brigham Young University. She was

seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom and continued learning for a decade, graduating magna cum laude from Brigham Young University in 2008 and subsequently winning a Gates Cambridge Scholarship. She earned an MPhil from Trinity College, Cambridge in 2009, and in 2010 was a visiting fellow at Harvard University. She returned to Cambridge, where she was awarded a PhD in history in 2014.

*Educated* is her account of the struggle for self-education and self-invention. It is a story that gets to the heart of what education is and what it offers: the perspective to see one's life through new eyes, and the will to change it. *Educated* was long-listed for the 2019 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence and has spent 49 weeks on the *New York Times* Bestseller list. Former U.S. President Barack Obama named *Educated* as one of the books on his summer reading list of 2018.

### **Ticket Information**

- Grand Patron-level ticket: \$80
- Patron-level ticket: \$60
- Founder's Tier-level ticket: \$45
- General-level ticket: \$35
- Balcony-level ticket: \$20
- Student / 25 & under (must show valid ID): \$10
- Tickets are available at [lectures.org](https://lectures.org) or by calling the SAL Box Office at 206.621.2230, ext. 10.

**Speaker photo and book cover available upon request.**

**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](https://lectures.org).

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