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### Spring 2021 Newsletter

#### **VIRTUAL AUTHOR SERIES**

Forty-eight hours prior to each event, all current 2020-21 members are registered for the upcoming event. Members receive an email confirmation and reminder for each event.

Members will receive our featured books by mail, at no additional charge. (Be certain we have your current mailing address – you can update your profile online!)

**There are no event fees** for this Virtual Author Series.

All events are broadcast live at 1pm ET unless otherwise noted. We use the Crowdcast platform. You'll find details on How to Crowdcast on the Events page of our website,

www.BrickellLiterary.org.

**Recordings** of these exclusive events are available to our members shortly after each has closed; replay links and passwords are emailed after each event.

## BRICKELL AVENUE LITERARY SOCIETY | December 2020

As we close out 2020 - what a year it's been - and look ahead to 2021, we want to thank our dear members & friends for their continued support through this very different "season" that we're all experiencing.



Fall 2020

We also want to take a few moments to recap the fall author events that made up our first ever, very successful, Virtual Author Series and announce the exciting spring lineup prepared exclusively for our members.

For our Spring 2021 Virtual Author Series, we will continue using the Crowdcast platform during January through May. (That's right - May!) Keep reading for all the details.

Now is a perfect time to become a BALS member! We understand if you are unable to do so at this time, and in that case we ask you to consider making a tax-deductible donation (on our website or by mail).



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We wish you the very best and hope that you and your loved ones are safe, happy & healthy!

# SPRING 2021 Virtual Author Series Exclusively for BALS Members



1pm EST Wed., January 27, 2021 | Gabriel Byrne

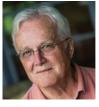
Walking With Ghosts (a memoir)

**Gabriel Byrne** was born in Dublin and has starred in over 80 films for some of the cinema's leading directors. He won a Golden Globe for his performance on HBO's In Treatment. On Broadway he won the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Actor and has been nominated twice for the Tony Award. He lives in Manhattan and Maine.

Chang-rae Lee is the author of *Native Speaker*, winner of the Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award for first fiction, as well as *On Such a Full Sea*, *A Gesture Life*, *Aloft*, and *The Surrendered*, winner of the Dayton Peace Prize and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Lee teaches writing at Stanford University.



1pm EST Wed., February 10, 2021 | Chang-rae Lee My Year Abroad: A Novel



1pm EST Thur., March 11, 2021 | Russell Banks

Foregone: A Novel

**Russell Banks**, twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, is one of America's most prestigious fiction writers, a past president of the International Parliament of Writers, and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. His work has been translated into twenty languages and has received numerous prizes and awards, including the Common Wealth Award for Literature. He lives in upstate New York and Miami, Florida.

Viet Thanh Nguyen was born in Vietnam and raised in America. He is the author of *The Sympathizer*, which was awarded the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction alongside seven other prizes. He is also the author of the short story collection *The Refugees* and the nonfiction book *Nothing Ever Dies*. A finalist for the National Book Award and the editor of an anthology of refugee writing, *The Displaced*, he is the Aerol Arnold Professor of English and American Studies and Ethnicity at the University of Southern California and a recipient of fellowships from the Guggenheim and MacArthur foundations. Nguyen lives in Los Angeles.



1pm EST Tues., April 6, 2021 | Viet Thanh Nguyen The Committed: A Novel



May 2021 – Details TBA | Jhumpa Lahiri Whereabouts: A Novel

Jhumpa Lahiri is the author of four works of fiction: Interpreter of Maladies, The Namesake, Unaccustomed Earth, and The Lowland; and a work of nonfiction, In Other Words. She has received numerous awards, including the Pulitzer Prize; the PEN/Hemingway Award; the PEN/Malamud Award; the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award; the Premio Gregor von Rezzori; the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature; a 2014 National Humanities Medal, awarded by President Barack Obama; and the Premio Internazionale Viareggio-Versilia, for In altre parole.

#### 2020-21 Brickell Avenue Literary Society Membership Options

\$400 Couple (two persons in the same household) \$250 Individual \$95 Young Professional (ages 35 and younger)