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Town Hall Seattle and South Seattle Emerald Launch Life on the Margins Podcast to Spotlight, Elevate, and Amplify Historically Marginalized Voices

[Seattle, WA – 4.28.2020] Town Hall Seattle and South Seattle Emerald announced today a collaboration on a new podcast. Life on the Margins will strive to share stories not just about marginalized communities, but from within and alongside them. The first season will run for six episodes and explore the impact of the current coronavirus pandemic, among other topics.

“This podcast came about because [my co-hosts and I] were seeing a need that wasn’t met, and conversations that weren’t being had with any regularity on a lot of mainstream platforms,” said Life on the Margins co-host and South Seattle Emerald founder Marcus Harrison Green. Green is joined by co-hosts Enrique Cerna, former Crosscut and KCTS 9 senior correspondent; and Jini Palmer, host of Town Hall’s In The Moment podcast.

Every year, Town Hall selects exceptional local artists and scholars for paid residencies where they engage with its programs and collaborate with the programming team to develop original events for the community. While in typical years, residents would be given the literal keys to Town Hall, in consideration of the current global crisis and the local stay home order, the pre-existing residency platform model will be altered slightly to accommodate a podcast residency with Life on the Margins.

The first episode features Former Washington State Governor Gary Locke, and Seattle-based writer, speaker, and author Ijeoma Oluo. It explores how to grapple with the bias and stigma being unleashed during the crisis, and is available now at www.townhallseattle.org/podcasts. To celebrate the launch of the podcast, the second episode will be available in one week, on Tuesday, May 5; subsequent episodes will be released biweekly. Interested listeners can also follow the podcast on Twitter: @TalkMarginsPod.

About the Hosts
Marcus Harrison Green is the publisher of the South Seattle Emerald, and a columnist with Crosscut. Growing up in South Seattle, he experienced first-hand the neglect of news coverage
in the area by local media, which taught him the value of narratives. After an unfulfilling stint working for a Los Angeles-based hedge fund in his twenties, Marcus returned to his community determined to tell its true story, which led him to found the South Seattle Emerald. He was named one of Seattle’s most influential people by Seattle Magazine in 2016.

Enrique Cerna is a veteran journalist who has worked in Seattle media for 45 years. Cerna worked for 23 years at Cascade Public Media’s KCTS 9 and retired in February 2018 from his role as senior correspondent. He anchored current affairs programs, moderated statewide political debates, interviewed major newsmakers, produced and reported stories throughout Washington State and for national PBS programs. Cerna has earned nine regional Emmy awards and numerous other journalistic honors. He is a member of the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences Northwest Chapter Silver Circle for his work as a television professional. Cerna is active in the community. He has served on numerous non-profit boards over the years. In March, he was appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to the Washington State University Board of Regents.

Jini Palmer is a filmmaker and multi-instrumentalist, and is the Digital Media Manager at Town Hall Seattle. She is the host and producer of Town Hall’s In The Moment Podcast as well as Town Hall’s Science, Civics, and Arts & Culture podcast series.

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When: 
Episode 1: Tuesday, April 28 at 1 pm
Episode 2: Tuesday, May 5 at 1 pm
Episode 3: Tuesday, May 19 at 1 pm
Episode 4: Tuesday, June 2 at 1 pm
Episode 5: Tuesday, Jun 16 at 1 pm
Episode 6: Tuesday, Jun 30 at 1 pm
Where: https://townhallseattle.org/podcasts/life-on-the-margins-podcast/
Cost: Free

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About Town Hall Seattle
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impulses: creativity, empathy, and the belief that we all deserve a voice. Learn more: https://townhallseattle.org/

**About South Seattle Emerald**

Founded as a platform that authentically depicts the dynamic voices, culture, arts, ideas, and businesses that fall within South Seattle’s borders, the Emerald acts as a powerful megaphone, amplifying the voice and experience of South Seattle. It was created as a service to the community it chronicles, to be “for the community, by the community, to the community.” Learn more: https://southseattleemerald.com