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MacEwan University to unveil building plan details for Centre for Arts and Culture

Edmonton – MacEwan University is set to unveil the design plans for the new Centre for Arts and Culture building. Official approval for the building was announced at a press conference in March when the government committed $30 million towards its construction. The $153 million structure will be built on university-owned land adjacent to the Robbins Health Learning Centre on City Centre Campus in downtown Edmonton. When the facility is completed in fall 2017, it will house the fine and performing arts programs currently located at the university’s west-end campus.

“This is a very exciting time for the university,” said David Atkinson, president, MacEwan University. “The Centre for Arts and Culture will allow us to consolidate our operations and allow for future enrolment growth. It will also let us enhance our current program offerings, and add new degrees over the next several years,” stated Atkinson.

The building will first and foremost be a teaching facility. It will provide students with access to state-of-the-art technology, classroom and performance space including a proscenium theatre, a recital hall, and a wide range of visual arts, digital and sound studios.

The building is designed by Bing Thom Architects (Vancouver). In 2010, Thom and his firm were awarded the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada’s Architectural Firm of the Year award. Thom is also a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and a member of the Order of Canada.

When: Wednesday, May 14
Where: University Service Centre (USC) - located on the 6th floor of the west parkade on 109 street at City Centre Campus
Time: 11:00 a.m.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.

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