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**Noted filmmaker to be honoured as a Distinguished Alumni**

Edmonton – MacEwan University is pleased to announce that noted filmmaker David Cormican will be presented with a Distinguished Alumni award during the spring convocation ceremonies. Cormican graduated from the Theatre Arts program in 2001.

Cormican is a partner of Don Carmody Television (DCTV). DCTV projects include the Rogers-Netflix original series *Between*, ShawdowHunters for Freedom (formerly ABC Family) and Netflix and the Emmy nominated *The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe*. Cormican was recently selected by Playback Magazine as one of the 2015 *New Establishment* and by the Hollywood Reporter as *Next Generation Canada: Class of 2014*.

Cormican’s filmmaking accomplishments include the Christian Slater thriller *Stranded*, directed by Academy Award winner Roger Christian, and he was the executive-producer for *The Tall Man* that featured Jessica Biel.

Cormican founded and ran the *Canadian Short Screenplay Competition* from 2008 – 2012, where he produced five of the winning short film scripts, including *Rusted Pyre*, which premiered at the 2011 *Festival de Cannes* as part of Telefilm’s *Not Short on Talent* programme and *Will* which won the Golden Sheaf for Best Drama at the 2013 Yorkton Film Festival.

The Distinguished Alumni award is one of MacEwan University’s highly regarded awards. It is presented to graduates who exhibit outstanding achievements or make significant contributions in one or more of the following areas: service to the community, business, the arts, human development, the environment, life-long learning, post-secondary education, and/or government.

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