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Veteran journalist named a Distinguished Alumni

Edmonton—MacEwan University is proud to announce that Kim Wheeler, who graduated from the Journalism program in 1995, has been named a Distinguished Alumni. Wheeler has brought positive indigenous stories to mainstream and Aboriginal media for over 22 years.

Wheeler began her career at the Edmonton Journal and then spent five years at the Canadian Press. In 2008, Wheeler joined CBC Radio One and produced four seasons of ReVision Quest, a radio talk show that mixed personal storytelling, current affairs, and comedy while exploring issues affecting Aboriginal people. She was awarded a silver medal at New York Festivals for her work on ReVision Quest and was short-listed for a Prix Italia for her work on Indian Summer, a series that told stories and shared songs of indigenous musicians.

Wheeler also created and developed Ab-Originals – a weekly podcast of the hottest Aboriginal music in Canada, on CBC Radio for three seasons. It was the precursor for the CBC Music’s Aboriginal music community where she developed digital content and programmed a 24/7 music channel that’s still available online at cbcmusic.com.

Wheeler has also worked as a publicist helping to promote clients across Canada including Gemini Award winning actress Michelle Thrush, and Joey Stylez who was named one of Canada’s Top 25 rappers of all time by CBC Music. Recently, she returned to CBC Radio as a producer on Unreserved a weekly hour-long show hosted by Rosanna Deerchild. Unreserved ran regionally for 11 months before being picked up by the network to run nationally across Canada.

Presented to graduates, the Distinguished Alumni award is granted to individuals 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.

Wheeler will be presented the Distinguished Alumni Award during the Fall Convocation ceremonies on November 17 at the Winspear Centre.

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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