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Celebrated Indigenous artist Jason Carter receives Distinguished Alumni Award

Edmonton – Jason Carter has been awarded MacEwan University’s Distinguished Alumni Award. Carter graduated with a Digital Arts and Media diploma in 2003.

Carter is a visual artist specializing in contemporary sculpture, painting and public art. He is a member of the Little Red River Cree Nation and is widely acclaimed for his clean lines, bold imagery and bright colours.

“I was blown away when I found out about the Distinguished Alumni Award,” say Carter. “MacEwan was a crucial time for me because it was a transition period and MacEwan held the promise and the pursuit of something great. I knew that if I committed to the program—committed to the idea of learning and taking risks—great things could happen.”

Carter is considered one of Canada’s most exciting and accomplished Indigenous visual artists and he was the only artist in Alberta to have had a feature showing at Alberta House on Alberta Day at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics.

His works have been commissioned by several organizations including the Art Gallery of Alberta, The Canada Council for the Arts and the Edmonton Arts Council. And, if you’ve ever been to the Edmonton International Airport (EIA) you won’t be able to miss his 100ft by 7ft permanent installation. That installation is viewed by almost 1 million people per year.

In 2011 Carter dared go where few artists do. With galleries representing him across the country, he decided to open a gallery dedicated to his sculpture and paintings with local theatre enthusiast Bridgette Ryan. Together they opened the Carter-Ryan Gallery and Live Art Venue. This past March, the Carter-Ryan Gallery opened its second location in Banff, Alberta.

Carter will receive his Distinguished Alumni Award during the fall convocation ceremonies at the Francis Winspear Centre for Music.

When: Tuesday, November 21
Time: 3 p.m.

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.

The opening of Allard Hall in September 2017 marks the beginning of a year of celebration for MacEwan University. With the relocation of the Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications to City Centre Campus, our university community has come together in downtown Edmonton. Allard Hall features exciting new purpose-built learning spaces for students and dynamic performance and exhibition spaces for the community, including a 419-seat theatre, theatre lab, recital hall, art gallery and recording studio. MacEwan University is moving the arts downtown. MacEwan.ca/ComeTogether.

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