

LATEST NEWS

2010 LEAF Manitoba Persons Day Breakfast

Friday, October 15th, 2010

7:15 to 9:00 am

Winnipeg Convention Centre

At our 20th Breakfast on October 15th, as we recognize the 25th anniversary of LEAF and the equality provisions of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, our volunteers look forward to sharing with you – celebration, connection, and renewed commitment. We are delighted to announce that addressing the topic **“Manitoba Homecoming 2010: Bringing Equality Home”** will be Dr. Constance Backhouse and Tantoo Cardinal, two women whose life stories exemplify dedication to equality and justice.

Constance Backhouse C.M., O.Ont, B.A. (Manitoba), LL.B. (Osgoode Hall), LL.M. (Harvard), LL.D. (Law Society), F.R.S.C. – A respected lawyer, author and educator, Constance Backhouse is recognized for her unwavering dedication to human rights in Canada and around the world. She is internationally known for her feminist research and publications on sex discrimination and the legal history of gender and race in Canada. A legal scholar who uses a narrative style of writing, her most recent books and articles profile the fascinating ways in which women and racialized communities have struggled to obtain justice within the legal system. She has served as a mediator of human rights complaints and as an adjudicator for the compensation claims for the former students of Indian residential schools across Canada. She recently received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Manitoba.

“I like to turn my research into stories and to make it accessible to people who aren’t experts in the field.”

Tantoo Cardinal C.M., - Metis/Cree from northern Alberta, mother, actor and writer, Tantoo Cardinal's personal commitment to ending violence against women became a mobilizing voice in Canada. Over this past decade, she has utilized theatre to raise the issue of the Murdered and Missing Aboriginal Women in Canada. The first Aboriginal production of 'The Vagina Monologues' was performed to honour the family members who had participated in the development of the international report 'Stolen Sisters' by the Native Women's Association of Canada and Amnesty International. She remains committed in marches, films and theatre throughout the country to ending the unacceptably high levels of violence against Aboriginal women.

“My urge to give something back to my people through arts and volunteer work is sort of a ‘soul push.’ Acting was just one of those things that came along, that spoke to me when I was looking for something.”

For more information on this event, or to purchase a ticket, please contact LEAF Manitoba at: leafmb@mts.net or (204) 453-1379