

Producer Bio: Sacha Ouellet is a Haida visual artist, and the Indigenous News Director for CFUV 101.9 in Victoria, BC. She has been working in conjunction with community members to create content for her show, safe spaces for indigenous youth, and art projects that further indigenous knowledge and resistance. Sacha hopes to continue working to produce high quality indigenous programming for many years to come and is grateful for the opportunities allowed to her by the BC gaming grants in conjunction with CFUV.

Show note: Coastal Voices is a weekly program with the aim of creating representation for indigenous peoples in media.

Every week the show features important news from the indigenous and non-indigenous communities of Victoria.

Host Sacha Ouellet provides thought provoking interviews with Indigenous Artists, Musicians, Politicians and Community members about the important, powerful work they are doing in communities around Canada.

The program aims to bring more awareness surrounding indigenous politics and issues, and to provide opportunities for other indigenous community members to get involved in media and broadcasting.

Sacha has found great satisfaction in working within the community to build bridges between different communities. In the past she has interviewed members from the local two spirit youth group about the importance of support and community for young two spirited people.

Most recently Sacha was able to interview Nuu-Chan-Nulth artist Hjelmer Wenstob about his hard work on three totem poles at the UVIC first peoples house.

With these opportunities Sacha is able to inform the community about the opportunities to work with artists like Hjelmer to create something that everyone in the community will benefit from.

The representation of indigenous people is invaluable in media arts, and in decolonizing practices to create safe spaces. Coastal Voices has become an important voice in the indigenous community in Victoria, and for its listeners across Canada.