

May 8, 2014  
Attention: to the NCRA Award Committee  
NCRA/ANREC  
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Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7G2

For your consideration,

### **“Truth and Reconciliation Radio Alberta” Program Description**

CJSW 90.9 FM was a proud participant of the NCRA’s Resonating Reconciliation program in the summer of 2013. As a part of the nation-wide initiative CJSW produced a 30 minute documentary that played across the country alongside contributions from other NCRA member stations.

In the hopes of continuing to share the stories of survivors and those otherwise effected by Canada’s Residential School System beyond the time period of the grant funding, the team expanded the series into an additional 11.5 hours of radio that airs here in Calgary on the first Tuesday of every month forming the series “Truth and Reconciliation Radio Alberta”.

The documentary focuses on the importance of education as it relates to the ongoing legacy of Alberta’s Indian Residential Schools. After a personal reflection on the legacy of Residential Schools in Canada and a moving conversation with his father (a survivor of the schools) lead-producer Jesse Dubois travelled 150 kilometers north of Calgary to to Red Deer, Alberta, with co-producers Tahirih Foroozan and Marc Affeld to witness a hearing of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in person.

The additional 11.5 hours of radio focus on testimonies given by members of the public in response to the legacy Indian Residential Schools in Canada as well as interviews with members of the public, Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair and Honourary Witness the Right Honorable Joe Clark.



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## **Biographies of the Producers**

**Jesse Dubois** began his time as a volunteer member of CJSW in 2012. He worked as an intern funded by the NCRA's Resonance Reconciliation program for CJSW in early 2013. During this time Jesse led CJSW's contributions to the program. He has also volunteered for the Sask Native Theater Company.

**Marc Affeld** began volunteering at CJSW 90.9 FM in Calgary in 2009 beginning by co-producing the NCRA award winning podcast "Today in Canadian History". He has served as CJSW's full-time News Director since January of 2011, where he works with volunteers to produce all of CJSW's original spoken word and news content.

**Tahirih Foroozan** is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario's Masters of Journalism Program. She served as the Multicultural Coordinator at CJSW from May to September of 2013. Since her term ended Tahirih volunteered her time at CJSW producing an original spoken word program that highlights archived radio shows.