

Special Programming

Swine Flu: The Second Wave

Bio

Michael Anthony Welch began his career with CKUW in May 2008 as a voice actor for the radio drama, *At the Monarch's Convenience*. He is currently host of the Tuesday morning current affairs magazine, *People of Interest*, and producer of the Sunday afternoon spoken word show, *Hear There Be Dragons*.

Program Note:

Over the summer of 2009, considerable effort was expended trying to convince Canadians that a new form of influenza, labeled 'H1N1' or Swine Flu, was surfacing. It was feared that should it mutate, it could come back in a form that could disrupt societies across the planet.

Swine Flu: The Second Wave was a ten part documentary series that began airing about the same time illnesses due the second wave of this new strain of flu were beginning to peak in number. The series would attempt to probe behind the sensationalistic headlines and examine the phenomenon from a variety of angles. For instance, is the pathogen and the hype behind it satisfying agendas besides protecting public health? How wise is mass vaccination as a public measure? What compelling evidence is there that this strain was created in a laboratory rather than by accident of nature?

Swine Flu: The Second Wave attempts to answer these questions.

Swine Flu: The Second Wave was recorded in Winnipeg with the assistance of the staff and technical resources of CKUW Campus and Community Radio. It aired Mondays at 1pm cst beginning October 19, 2009.