

Neskie Manuel Award for Aboriginal Affairs and Culture Programming Winner:
CKUW-FM Winnipeg, MB – Produced by Jordan Poitras and Michael Welch – “The Tanya Nepinak Project”

Michael Welch is the News Director at campus community radio station CKUW 95.9FM in Winnipeg. He regularly hosts three spoken word programs every week. His background is in community activism. He is completing a Bachelor's Degree in Science at the University of Manitoba. He has contributed to CKUW since 2008.

Jordan Poitras: Jordan Poitras has been volunteering at CKUW since 2008. He is a regular contributor and Host to CKUW's morning news magazine, People of Interest. A student at the University of Winnipeg studying Geography, Jordan has soft spot for environmental issues.

Tanya Nepinak: There are now over 500 missing or murdered aboriginal women in Canada and many of these women are portrayed in the media as less than model citizens. Tanya Nepinak's remains are believed to be in the Brady landfill, but police have stopped their search after what constable Jason Michalysheh called a sincere effort. Tanya leaves behind a Son and daughter. This audio piece is a portrait of Tanya with interviews from the father of her children Vernon Mann, her Aunt Susan Caribou, and her sister Gaile Nepinak. Music featured by Keri Latimer, Madonna, Stacey James and Red Robe Women.