



## Project Patrons



**Dr. Evan Adams**

Dr. Evan Tesla Adams is a Coast Salish writer/actor and physician from the Sliammon Band in BC. As a "Role Model" with the National Native Alcohol & Drug Abuse Program he worked with Native youth in health promotions and life-skills across the country. He has won Best Actor awards from First Americans in the Arts, the American Indian Film Festival, and an Independent Spirit Award. Dr. Adams completed his residency as Chief Resident at the UBC Aboriginal Family Medicine Program, is a founding member of the Canadian Aboriginal Leaders in Medicine, is a Board member of the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada, and is the Director of Aboriginal People's Health, within the Faculty of Medicine at UBC.



**Adam Beach**

Adam is from the Saulteaux Nation in Manitoba, is a husband and proud father of two boys. Adam's high school drama class got him into acting, which then prompted him to join a local Winnipeg theatre group. He landed his first major role as Paul in 'Spirit Rider' in 1996 and the proceeded to land some of the biggest roles of his career in movies like 'Squanto: A Warriors Tale,' 'Dance Me Outside,' 'Smoke Signals,' 'Joe Dirt' and 'Windtalkers.' Adam's goals are to show people in a positive way, who Aboriginal people are through his acting and to be the best role model he can for our youth. He strongly believes that we need to motivate them now because they are our future leaders. Quote: "I support the Native Youth Centre because I believe very strongly on improving the quality of life for our younger generation."



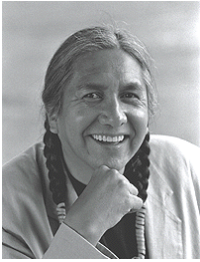
**Thomas Berger**

Mr. Berger is a former Supreme Court justice and currently practices law in Vancouver. He is an advocate of human rights and has often represented First Nations' causes in Canada. He has headed commissions of inquiry in Canada, Alaska, and India into issues relating to the rights of Indigenous peoples. Mr. Berger received the Order of Canada in 1990 and in 1992 was granted Freedom of the City of Vancouver. Quote: "The idea of a Native Youth Centre is timely; providing a cluster of programs, from kitchens and daycare to a computer lab and entrepreneurial training is a challenge, but one which I am sure can be met and overcome".



**Dr. Martin Brokenleg**

Dr. Brokenleg is a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, a pipe carrier, a traditional dancer, is married and the father of three adult children. His doctoral dissertation studied intelligence organization among Aboriginal children, he is co-author of *Reclaiming Youth at Risk: Our Hope for the Future*, is the vice-president of Reclaiming Youth International, and was a professor of Native American studies at Augustana College from 1974-2004. Quote: "First Nations youth are the gift to Aboriginal people for enduring the past and having hope for the future. First Nations youth can lead our nations out of the darkness, pain, and confusion of the past. If we follow our cultural traditions, we will have courageous youth who can accomplish personal goals that will uplift all First Nations people to our full dignity."



**Chief Leonard George**

Chief Leonard George is the youngest son of the late Chief Dan and Amy George. He is married with four sons and five grandchildren. He is a member of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, is a traditionalist, spiritual leader and economic development visionary. An actor by training, his screen credits include *White Fang*, *Mr. Cabe* and *Mrs. Miller*, *Little Big Man*, *Americathon*, and *Smoke Signals*. He was elected Chief of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation from 1989-2001, Director of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation Economic Development Department, received the Governor General of Canada, Citizens Medal of Honor, is an active member of the Aboriginal Health Association of BC and the Simon Fraser University Dean's Council on First Nations education, and recently founded the Chief Dan George Education Centre (in affiliation with SFU).



**Peter Mansbridge**

Peter Mansbridge is the Chief Correspondent of CBC Television News, anchors *The National* and all CBC News Specials, is the host of *Mansbridge: One on One* and writes a weekly column for *Maclean's Magazine*. He has received ten Gemini Awards for excellence in broadcast journalism, was awarded the 2000 New York Festival's gold medal for Best News Anchor, has been honoured by a number of institutes of higher learning, has received many honorary degrees, was named the 1998 Arnold Wolfers' Fellow at Yale University, and in 2001, he was invited to lecture at Oxford University in England as part of that institution's distinguished speakers series.



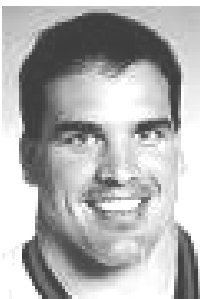
**Lee Maracle**

Lee Maracle was born in North Vancouver and is a member of the Sto: Lo nation. She is a mother of four and has four grandchildren. Ms. Maracle has been the Writer-In-Residence for First Nations House at the University of Toronto for the past two years, was the Distinguished Visiting Professor of Canadian Culture at Western Washington University from 2002-04, is an award winning author and instructor, as well as a gifted orator. Ms. Maracle is the author of a number of critically acclaimed literary works including *Sojourner's and Sundogs*, *Ravensong*, *Bobbi Lee*, and *I Am Woman*. She has also co-edited and contributed to a number of anthologies, and is published in anthologies and scholarly journals worldwide.



**Terry David Mulligan**

Terry David began his fascinating career in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, working in both Olds and Red Deer, Alberta. That's right, Terry was a Mountie! Although he made an extremely dedicated servant to Queen and country, his stint as an RCMP officer only lasted four years. In 1964, he gave up his horse to ride the waves. TDM spent the next two decades as a DJ at such stations as CKRD, CFUN and CHUM. He also programmed Canada's first underground FM station CKLG/FM now CFOX, hosted CBC's *Great Canadian Goldrush* and the nationally syndicated show, *Discumentary*. For his exceptional work, Terry was named Canadian Announcer of the Year.



**James Taras**

During his 16 years with the B.C. Lions, James has been a nominee and recipient for many honours including Most Outstanding Canadian (finalist) 1999 and the Tom Pate Award 1999. He is Vice President of the CFL Players Association, and is a professional speaker and business consultant in the areas of mastery, leadership and teamwork. James is on the Board for Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver, a member of Athletes in Action and a speaker with the Esteem Team (an athlete role model program). Quote: "My involvement in the "Creating your Future" leadership development project allowed me to work with UNYA and many Aboriginal youth. This experience illuminated the tremendous potential that youth possess, but also the considerable challenges they face. A Native Youth Centre would provide youth with a safe place to realize the potential that lies within them."