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WOMAN OF VISION AWARDED TO BANFF MUSEUM CURATOR

The Whyte Museum's Chief Curator, **Michale Lang**, will receive Global TV's *Woman of Vision* Award in the *Culture* field.

A news feature on Michale Lang will air on Global Calgary News Hour at 6:00pm on **February 4, 2008** and again **on February 5, 2008** on Global Calgary Morning News and the Global Noon Hour. In addition, a story will appear in the Calgary Herald on **February 5, 2008**.

Woman of Vision celebrates the accomplishments of outstanding women in Calgary and area. The Woman of Vision news features are designed to celebrate a local woman who has implemented her personal vision and has achieved success for herself and the community in which she lives. The programs tell the stories of these exceptional women, and serve as an inspiration to viewers, in particular young women about to make career choices, so that they too can achieve their goals. More information can be found on the Woman of Vision website, www.womanofvision.ca.

Lang's response to the award: "It is an honour to receive the Global Woman of Vision award. Throughout my life, I have been inspired by visionary people who have been mentors in supporting my learning. I can only hope that I can provide some inspiration and leadership in encouraging life-long learning through the work that I do in museums."

Chief Curator of the Whyte Museum, Michale Lang, is responsible for coordinating all exhibitions, programs, collections management and marketing in the organization, as well as having direct responsibility for the art department. Michale joined the Whyte Museum from the Glenbow Museum where she was Vice President, Access, Collections and Exhibits for the past five years. Her most recent accomplishment *Mavericks: An Incorrigible History of Alberta*, a permanent exhibition has received rave reviews. Michale holds a Master of Arts Degree from the University of Calgary and a Master of Education Degree from Gonzaga University, as well as certificates in historic resource management and museum management.

Lang's nomination began with this enlightening statement: "Michale Lang truly understands the importance of knowing who we are and where we have come from, and the importance of communicating that understanding to a wider world. Her life has been dedicated to making the history and heritage of the people of Alberta relevant and meaningful on a deeply personal level. She has never lost sight of the fact that her work must be 'for somebody', not simply 'about something'. ... She utilizes her impressive set of intellectual and practical competencies to invent ever newer and more creative ways to share her understanding and love of Alberta's heritage with the people of our province and the world in general."

The Woman of Vision awards luncheon is held annually during International Woman's Week, March 4 – 10, 2008. This year's luncheon will be held on **Thursday, March 6, 2008 at the Westin Hotel in Calgary**.

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