Principal’s Lecture on Contemporary Indigenous Issues brings Joseph Boyden to campus for workshop & lecture with local youth

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London, ON- King’s University College welcomes Giller Prize winning author, Joseph Boyden to campus on Wednesday September 28, 2016. Boyden is best known for his novels: Three Day Road, Through the Black Spruce, which won the 2008 Scotiabank Giller Prize, and The Orenda, which was named the winner of CBC Radio’s Canada Reads 2014.

Boyden will speak during at 3:30 p.m. in the Kenny Theatre to students, faculty, staff and visitors including 100 indigenous secondary school students from Thames Valley District School Board and the London Catholic District School Board. He will precede his lecture with a workshop for the secondary school students on reclaiming indigenous culture at 1:30 p.m. in Vitali Lounge. At 2:30pm Boyden will join the wider King’s community for a reception in Labatt Hall to unveil the Angel Band Stained Glass Mobile, which was generously donated to King's by renowned artist Ted Goodden.

The focus of Boyden’s presentations will explore the relationship between art, education and survival through the lens of his personal experience with a focus on the historical and contemporary experience of First Nations peoples. The discussion will reflect the perils and inner strengths of marginalized groups and how the liberal arts and creativity open a door to growth and joy.

King's is a publicly-funded Catholic post-secondary institution founded in 1954. King’s provides general and honors degree programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, business, and a master's degree in social work. It is positioned in the top rank of institutions of higher learning in Canada for the high quality of its teaching faculty and student experience. Institutionally-autonomous, King’s is academically-affiliated with Western University. King’s is open to students of all faith backgrounds, with its community centered on the principles of social justice and the education of the whole person.

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