

Betsy Trumpener is an accomplished author, writer and radio documentary producer. The longtime reporter has lived in Iowa, Israel, Alberta, Ontario, Bavaria and the Black Forest. She now lives in northern British Columbia serving communities and covering the daily drama of British Columbia's interior. Betsy's work has always been to serve and elevate the voices of those who are underrepresented on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh and her accolades are many.

Betsy is a multi RTDNA award winning recipient, both regionally and nationally, for her extensive work on covering the resource sector(s) in Canada, stories centered on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls and Men, as well as a multitude of health stories. Betsy is also a multi award recipient of the Jack Webster Award for Best Radio Feature, and a Jack Webster Africa Journalism Fellowship. These accomplishments do not include her work in writing and print.

Betsy's non-fiction and fiction writing have been published in the Guardian, the Globe and Mail, This Magazine, NOW Magazine, Monday Magazine, the Malahat Review, Event Magazine, the Queen Street Quarterly, Northword Magazine, and filling station. She was the first annual Writer in Residence for the CBC weekend arts show, North By Northwest, and she has been awarded a Western Magazine Award for her column, North of Unreal.

As a former print journalist Betsy has been a mentor to all those who have found their way to the region. She is known for mentoring young reporters cutting their teeth in Northern British Columbia. She is also known for continuing to serve audiences as part of the Daybreak team in the City of Prince George. For a period of four years, Betsy also hosted the morning program Daybreak North, serving audiences from Atlin, BC to Prince Rupert to Williams Lake.

Betsy is often not recognized because of where she is situated. She has resided mostly in the Central Interior of BC, delivering content on platforms across the CBC. She is a warm, kind, giving individual who is more than deserving of this award for all she's given to the media, but also the wider community. A recognizance such as this one would serve to showcase the incredible talent of a driven individual who continues to showcase to the world, incredible stories centered on real people.