

I've known Betsy Trumpener now for the past 16 years. She has been a mentor, a friend and a co-worker. There is no one I know who embodies such curiosity and natural talent elevating stories and voice. I feel there is not a single person I worked with that is able to write in such a way, like her. Her awards are many, her sacrifices for storytelling are unparalleled. She embodies all you could want in a media landscape which goes unheralded.

Betsy is also a mother, who has navigated incredible challenges in her own life the past few decades. She's been all over the world while still maintaining an incredible dedication to storytelling and journalism.

While receiving many awards for her work I believe an award like this for Betsy would be a true testament to the kind of person she is.

Like Shelley Fralic who was concerned with making her community a better place, Betsy's work of humanizing stories has truly led to making BC's interior a better place. From stories about a Lheidli T'enneh woman's professional wrestling journey and addictions, to highlighting the impacts of disappearing First Nations along the Highway of Tears, Betsy's dedication to amplifying voices has truly improved the region where she lives.

There truly is no one like her, and she is amazing.

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