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Distinguished Canadian Author Margaret Sweatman Begins As Inaugural UWinnipeg Carol Shields' Writer-in-Residence

WINNIPEG—Award-winning author **Margaret Sweatman** (*When Alice Lay Down with Peter, Sam and Angie*, and *Fox*) returns home to her alma mater as **The University of Winnipeg's first Carol Shields Writer-in-Residence**.

A reception to welcome Margaret Sweatman to the University and her new role will take place:

Friday, January 13, 2006

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Riddell Hall, The University of Winnipeg (campus map attached)

Members of the media and public are invited to meet award-winning author Margaret Sweatman as she begins her four-month term as UWinnipeg's first Carol Shields Writer-in-Residence. Drop by for coffee and conversation about the creative arts on campus and in the community. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Carol Shields Writer-in-Residence Program brings an established writer to The University of Winnipeg to mentor students and community writers. Distinguished Canadian author Margaret Sweatman (Collegiate '71, UWinnipeg '74), as the inaugural Carol Shields Writer-in-Residence, will read and respond to manuscripts, hold regular office hours for students and the public, organize reading series, seminars or lectures on writing, and deliver public readings, as well as devote time to her own creative works.

Pulitzer Prize-winner and Chancellor of The University of Winnipeg from 1996 – 2000, Carol Shields was a writer-in-residence at the University in 1988 and delighted in mentoring students and writers. The Carol Shields Writer-in-Residence Program was announced in October 2004 with a \$100,000 gift from Don Shields, Carol's husband.

The Writer-in-Residence service is free, open to the public, and runs from January to April 2006. Visit uwinnipeg.ca or call 786.9101.

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