

**Stuart McLean** is a best-selling author, award-winning journalist and humourist, and host of CBC Radio program *The Vinyl Cafe*.

Stuart began his broadcasting career making radio documentaries for CBC Radio's Sunday Morning. In 1979 he won an ACTRA award for Best Radio Documentary for his contribution to the program's coverage of the Jonestown massacre.

Following Sunday Morning, Stuart spent seven years as a regular columnist and guest host on CBC's Morningside. His book, *The Morningside World of Stuart McLean*, was a Canadian bestseller and a finalist in the 1990 City of Toronto Book Awards.

Stuart has also written *Welcome Home: Travels in Small Town Canada*, and edited the collection *When We Were Young*. *Welcome Home* was chosen by the Canadian Authors' Association as the best non-fiction book of 1993.

Stuart's books *Stories from the Vinyl Cafe*, *Home from the Vinyl Café*, *Vinyl Cafe Unplugged*, and *Vinyl Café Diaries* have all been Canadian bestsellers. Both *Home from the Vinyl Cafe* and *Vinyl Cafe Unplugged* received the Stephen Leacock Award for Humour.

In 2005, *Home from the Vinyl Café*, was published in the United Kingdom, the USA and Australia.

Stuart is a professor emeritus at Ryerson University in Toronto and former director of the broadcast division of the School of Journalism. In 1993 Trent University named him the first Rooke Fellow for Teaching, Writing and Research. He has also been honored by: Nippising University, EdD(H):

University of Windsor, Ltd; and is a Col (Hon) of the 8<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron at 8 Wing, Trenton.

Since 1998 Stuart has taken The Vinyl Cafe to theatres across Canada, playing in both large and small towns from St. John's, Newfoundland to Whitehorse in the Yukon.

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More than 700,000 people listen to The Vinyl Cafe every weekend on CBC radio.