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KMUW - Wichita Public Radio Adds News Director

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KMUW announces the addition of Aileen LeBlanc as news director. Aileen LeBlanc is a journalist, producer and director whose work in public radio, television, and film has earned more than 60 regional and national awards. LeBlanc's career in journalism includes two News Director positions at WYSO and WHQR. Her national work has been featured on NPR, Voice of America, BBC, Monitor Radio, Pacifica and the CBC. She was awarded the first place prize in documentary from Public Radio News Directors Inc. for a piece on loving and caring for a partner with Alzheimer's.

"LeBlanc will raise the bar in local news coverage," said Mark McCain, general manager, "as we pursue our mission of expanding the reach and quality of local news and information programming to become the standard for local reporting of substantive issues, current events of interest to the community and coverage of the arts in and around Wichita."

LeBlanc's work in film includes producer/director of the documentaries, *Dayton Codebreakers* (nominated for 3 regional Emmys) and *Who's Minding the Planet?* (nominated for a Regional Emmy.) Her current film *Take Us Home* – about the Ethiopian Jews is now in the festival circuit and has won the World Cinema Documentary Film Editing Award from the Amsterdam Film Festival and Award of Merit from the Lucerne International Film Festival. The film has screened at the Pan African Film Festival and the Studio City Festival in LA and the Sheba Festival in New York. Other official selections include, Denver, Philadelphia, Louisville Palm Beach and Detroit.

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