



**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

**Honorary Degree Citations  
The degree of Doctor of Fine Arts, *honoris causa*,  
conferred on Dr. Susan Point  
Wednesday, June 4, 2008**

Mr. Chancellor, in the artistic creations of Susan Point we see that perfect marriage of tradition and innovation found only in the work of the most gifted artists. Her magnificent contributions to Canadian art and culture have placed her in the first rank of artists both at home and abroad.

Susan Point lives and works on the Musqueam First Nation Reservation. There, she began her career in her late twenties, initially making limited-edition prints on her kitchen table while she worked as a legal secretary. From the start, she chose to concentrate on the geometric and symbolic figures of her Coast Salish ancestors, whose sacred and private art forms became the formative source of her imagination.

Several early commissions quickly established her reputation as an artist with a distinctively personal style, and her work soon drew international acclaim. Since then, her art has continually