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## **Prominent Actors, Musicians and Authors Endorse Upcoming Climate March in Quebec City**

**Quebec, March 19, 2015** – Prominent Canadian actors, musicians, and authors including Indigenous rights advocate and actress Tantoo Cardinal, Juno award winning artists Claire Boucher (Grimes) and Sarah Harmer, and best selling journalist and author Naomi Klein are urging people across Canada to come to Quebec City to march for the climate on April 11.

“I’m booking a train ticket to Quebec City for April 11th to Act on Climate! This is one of those vital times where we need to lead our leaders,” said Juno-nominated musician Sarah Harmer. “Join the thousands who will be there to push our provincial leaders to act now to develop a low carbon economy in Canada.”

People across Canada are invited to push for federal and provincial action to combat a growing climate crisis and transition the country to renewable energy.

“We need to leave the oil in the ground and move to wind and solar,” said actress and Order of Canada recipient Tantoo Cardinal. “It’s time our Prime Minister and our premiers went beyond fear, greed and control and use this opportunity to weave a new paradigm. Your grandchildren will thank you.”

The mobilization on April 11<sup>th</sup> is scheduled three days before provincial and territorial leaders are to meet in Quebec City for a special Council of Federation meeting to talk about the climate change. Organizers expect thousands of people from all over Canada to take part in the demonstration.

“I am supporting this march because it’s time for governments to tell us that they recognize the new economic reality – the changing world attitudes to oil and its volatility, the world-wide increase in renewables, the fact that, despite lack of

subsidies, there are more Canadian jobs now in renewables than in oil,” said Booker prize winning author Margaret Atwood.

“The only thing standing between this world and environmental catastrophe is us,” said Claire Boucher (Grimes). “On April 11<sup>th</sup>, we our elected leaders must turn away from the tarsands and act on climate.”

The list of artists also includes, Academy Award winning actress Emma Thompson, musician and artist Yasmine Van Wilt a.k.a. Van Wild, and actress and model Shannon Baker.

“There has never been a better time to transform not just how we generate power but who benefits from that power,” said author and journalist Naomi Klein. “With prices plummeting, the oil and gas industry is in crisis, and they are demanding a fresh wave of government handouts and subsidizes. That's insane. Public money does need to be spent, but it needs to go towards building a clean and just economy - before climate change overtakes us.”

People are encouraged to sign-up to attend the march at <http://act-on-climate.ca/>

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