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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

First Avenue and The Current Partner with Indigenous Non-Profit in Fundraising Event

BON IVER, LISSIE, HIPPO CAMPUS, ALAN SPARKHAWK, CHARLIE PARR, DAVID HUCKFELT, LARRY LONG, SUPERIOR SIREN AND NATIVE ARTISTS
MUMU FRESH, DORENE DAY WAUBANEWQUAY, COREY MEDINA, QUILTMAN, ANNIE HUMPHREY AND OTHERS DONATING THEIR TIME TO THE “WATER IS LIFE: STOP LINE 3” HONOR THE EARTH BENEFIT CONCERT IN DULUTH AT BAYFRONT PARK AUGUST 18

DULUTH, MINN., - July 28, 2021 -- Honor the Earth and its production and promotional and partners, First Avenue and The Current, are proud to present the first ever “Water Is Life: Stop Line 3” music, art and cultural festival August 18, 2021, at Bayfront Park in Duluth, Minnesota on the shores of the mighty Gichi-Gami (Lake Superior).

Featuring an unprecedented coalition of musicians, artists, poets and Indigenous leaders, this one-day festival is a celebration of water as the fundamental life-giving resource of Mother Earth, and a full-throttle resistance of music and song against the Line 3 tar sands oil pipeline currently snaking its way through the waterways and Anishinaabe lands of northern Minnesota. *

All proceeds will benefit the indigenous women-led Honor the Earth non-profit in its fight against Enbridge’s Line 3 construction in Native treaty Lands during a time of climate crisis and severe drought up north.

More artists will be announced next week. Artists announced today include:

- Bon Iver
- Mumu Fresh
- Dorene Day Waubanewquay
- David Huckfelt
- Charlie Parr
- Annie Humphrey
- Larry Long & Friends
- Lissie
- Alan Sparhawk
- Corey Medina
- Quiltman
- Superior Siren

For many artists like Bon Iver and Hippo Campus, the “Water is Life: Stop Line 3” festival marks their first post-covid concert performances before they resume regular touring in September! Festival production will be provided by Minneapolis’s legendary music venue First Avenue Club, and MPR’s The Current will be supporting with promotion. Poster art by Cheyenne Randall / @indiangiver; Design & layout by Kevin Brown.
Local, organic food vendors, regionally-sourced food and beverages, and a variety of organizations centered around the mission of sustainability, Indigenous rights, and clean water will all be onsite.

**Tickets and Times**

- **$65.00 Advance General Admission Sale Tickets July 28 at:**
- General Admission Day-of-Show Tickets are also $65.00
- The event starts at noon August 18
- More information on schedule, artists, vendors, mission, resources available soon at [https://www.honorearth.org/](https://www.honorearth.org/)

“Water is life. We are the people who live by the water. Pray by these waters. Travel by the waters. Eat and drink from these waters. We are related to those who live in the water,” explains Winona LaDuke, founder and Executive Director of Honor the Earth. “To poison the waters with Line 3 is to show disrespect for creation. To honor and protect the waters is our responsibility as people of the land.”

**Links**

Honorearth.org
Stopline3.org
Winona LaDuke: [https://www.facebook.com/WinonaLaDukeHonorTheEarth/](https://www.facebook.com/WinonaLaDukeHonorTheEarth/)
RISE coalition: [https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=rise%20coalition](https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=rise%20coalition)

For more information – or to interview select artists and or organizers about the event or to learn more about Line 3 – please contact Kevin Whalen or Martin Keller at the contact information above.

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*Line 3 is wreaking havoc on the state’s natural resources – but especially on Native lands and waters*
• The pristine waters and fragile and complex watersheds and ecosystems of northern Minnesota are under assault by Canada’s Enbridge Corporation, which is building Line 3 to export Canadian tar sands oil.

• **Tar sands oil is the dirtiest and most expensive oil in the world.** That’s why global divestment of it by major banks, other countries and worldwide insurance companies is increasing rapidly due to failing its failing economies and the planet’s faltering climate system.

• At a time of **growing climate crisis**, this carbon-loading pipeline is tunneling beneath 22 Minnesota rivers – including the Mississippi River twice – **drinking water for millions of people!**

• Line 3 will cross **more than 200 waterbodies**, including wetlands and wild rice beds -- sacred to the Anishinaabe who have lived on these lands forever.

• **During a severe, historic drought in the north country, the Minnesota DNR has recklessly approved billions of gallons of pure life-giving water to be sucked** out so that Enbridge drill the waters can drive Line 3 through over 200 rivers, lakes, and streams across northern Minnesota.

**Tar sands oil is shipped abroad, ultimately benefiting Enbridge**

• Enbridge has never proven the future demand for tar sands oil is viable, and yet the state approved this massive giveaway of our resources for a new pipeline route offering only short-terms jobs.

• That oil will be shipped abroad to foreign countries – for foreign gain and profit by Enbridge.

• New or old, **all pipelines eventually leak** –sometimes catastrophically as they have in **Grand Rapids, Minnesota** (March 3, 1991) and in the River in Michigan (July 26, 2010).