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The Chan Centre to host conversation between acclaimed journalist Brandi Morin and David Suzuki to celebrate the 25th anniversary edition of Suzuki's *The Sacred Balance*
Moderated by the award-winning author and UBC professor Naomi Klein

Vancouver, BC — **The Chan Centre for the Performing Arts** at the University of British Columbia proudly presents **David Suzuki x Brandi Morin with Naomi Klein**, on **October 30, 2022 at 4PM**. The landmark event between these individual powerhouses is in celebration of the revered environmentalist David Suzuki's launch of the 25th anniversary edition of his seminal book *The Sacred Balance: Rediscovering Our Place in Nature*. The event will include a closing address by Hereditary Chief Na'moks of the Tsayu Clan of the Wet'suwet'en. The event is co-presented by the UBC **Centre for Climate Justice** and the **David Suzuki Foundation**.

David Suzuki is a scientist and Emeritus Professor of Genetics at UBC who has made it his life's work to advocate for nature and humanity's impact and relationship to it. Because of his tireless efforts and ever-urgent message, Suzuki is a Companion to the Order of Canada, recipient of UNESCO's Kalinga Prize for science, the 2009 Right Livelihood Award, UNEP's Global 500, and holds 31 honorary degrees. He has written 55 books, including *The Sacred Balance*, which is now extensively updated with a new foreword and afterword. The new content includes his reflections on the radical changes in science and nature since its first publication and Indigenous activism in the fight to protect land and water. The book combines science, philosophy, and Indigenous knowledge to offer concrete solutions to creating a sustainable future.

Brandi Morin is an award-winning French, Cree and Iroquois journalist, and is one of the most influential and prominent writers of Indigenous stories. She is the recipient of a Human Rights Reporting Award from the Canadian Association of Journalists, an Edward R. Murrow award, and two Native American Association of Journalists awards. Her work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Vice*, *Al Jazeera*, *National Geographic* and more. Morin's memoir *Our Voice of Fire* chronicles her powerful story as a foster child and runaway to becoming a survivor of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls crisis to her ascendant rise as an internationally-acclaimed journalist. Unflinchingly honest, *Our Voice of Fire: A Memoir of a Warrior Rising* is Morin's incredible story about overcoming adversity and finding her power and purpose through journalism.

Naomi Klein is Co-Director of the Centre for Climate Justice and Associate Professor of Climate Justice at UBC. In 2018 she was named the inaugural Gloria Steinem Endowed Chair in Media, Culture and Feminist Studies at Rutgers University. Klein is an award-winning *New York Times* best-selling author of multiple books. Her research focuses on cataclysmic events and their ability to accelerate social change.

Dinī ze' (Hereditary Chief) Na'moks, of the Tsayu Clan of the Wet'suwet'en Nation, is an unflinching defender of his hereditary lands in the ongoing struggle against the Coastal Gaslink Pipeline, currently under construction through Wet'suwet'en traditional territory. He is a leading voice for Indigenous sovereignty and human rights in Canada and internationally, including highlighting Canada's ongoing violations of Indigenous human rights in his addresses to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The high-profile event will begin with David Suzuki and Brandi Morin reading from sections of their respective books. Naomi Klein will then moderate a discussion between them. Chief Na'moks will close the event by

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addressing the ongoing struggle of Wet'suwet'en hereditary leaders to defend their lands, waters, and sacred sites against the Coastal Gaslink Pipeline.

Audiences will have the opportunity to have their books signed by the authors following the event.

Chan Centre Event Listing

David Suzuki x Brandi Morin with Naomi Klein | SUN OCT 30 at 4PM

Author of more than 50 books and an internationally renowned geneticist and environmentalist, David Suzuki re-issues his seminal book *The Sacred Balance* for a special 25th anniversary edition. To celebrate this momentous occasion, David Suzuki will speak with French, Cree, and Iroquois journalist Brandi Morin, author of the searing and powerful memoir *Our Voice of Fire*.

The conversation will be moderated by Naomi Klein, the award-winning, *New York Times* best-selling author and Co-Director of the Centre for Climate Justice at UBC.

Listing Information

Tickets are now on sale.

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| Event: | David Suzuki x Brandi Morin with Naomi Klein |
| Location: | Chan Centre for the Performing Arts University of British Columbia 6265 Crescent Road Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1 |
| Date: | October 30, 2022 at 4PM |
| Ticket Office: | chan.tickets@ubc.ca or 604.822.2697 |
| Price: | \$35 Tickets can be bundled with book purchase |
| Website: | chancentre.com |

About the Chan Centre for Performing Arts

Since 1997, the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts has earned an international reputation for its striking design, stellar acoustics, and exceptional programming. Artists, critics, and patrons alike are unanimous in their praise of the facility, winning it a place among North America's top-rated performing arts spaces. Featuring three unique venues—the Chan Shun Concert Hall, the Telus Studio Theatre, and the Royal Bank Cinema—the Chan Centre is a vital part of UBC campus and community life where artistic and academic disciplines merge to inspire new perspectives on the world around us. Past performers and speakers include Wynton Marsalis, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Renée Fleming, Dan Savage, Yo-Yo Ma, Jane Goodall, Herbie Hancock, Lila Downs, and Anoushka Shankar.

About the Centre for Climate Justice at UBC

Inaugurated in November 2021, the Centre for Climate Justice (CCJ) is a new, cross-campus research centre housed in the Faculty of Arts at UBC's Vancouver Campus. The CCJ supports collaborative, interdisciplinary, and community-engaged research that advances just and effective climate action. As a Centre *for* Climate Justice, the CCJ aims to utilize UBC's resources and capacities in service of those already working towards an environmentally just future. This involves bringing together activists, policy makers, elders, scholars, and communities to identify and amplify demands, facilitate community action, and transform policy.

About the David Suzuki Foundation

The **David Suzuki Foundation** (DavidSuzuki.org | [@DavidSuzukiFdn](https://twitter.com/DavidSuzukiFdn)) is a leading Canadian environmental non-profit organization, founded in 1990. We operate in English and French, with offices in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. We collaborate with all people in Canada, including Indigenous leadership and communities, governments, businesses and individuals to find solutions to create a sustainable Canada through scientific research, traditional ecological knowledge, communications and public engagement, and innovative policy and legal solutions. Our mission is to protect nature's diversity and the well-being of all life, now and for the future.

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