

Special Screening and Guest Speakers

Tipping Point – The End Oil

December 6, 2011 – 7:30-10:30pm

All Saints Church, Pasadena CA

Official Invite: <http://j.mp/TippingInvite>

"Deep in the wilderness of Canada's northern forests, the biggest energy project on the planet is producing as much controversy as oil."



SPEAKERS/PANEL

Tantoo Cardinal

First Nations Actress and International Activist

Topic: The Impact on Indigenous Culture & Our Mother Earth Connection

Rae Breaux

National Organizer of Tar Sands Action

Topic: Nonviolent Resistance & Future of Keystone XL Pipeline

Jack Eidt

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Powerful and Moving videos of Tantoo...

[Tantoo Cardinal at Tar Sands Protest Ottawa](#)

[Why I Joined the Tar Sands Action](#)

"We are all protectors of the land and water. If you were to see with your own eyes the incredible destruction of our ecosystem, you'd understand that blind greed is destroying our land, water, and way of life." Tantoo Cardinal on KPFK Sojourner Truth's Earth Minute.

An accomplished and celebrated actress, Tantoo Cardinal has advanced Aboriginal performing arts throughout the world. Known for her authenticity, she has brought to life complex and diverse Aboriginal characters and has worked to dispel stereotypes. Her performances on stage and in both film and television have helped to blaze a trail in an industry where few roles for Aboriginal women previously existed. Her 80 plus credits include *North of 60*, *Shattered*, *Legends of the Fall*, *Dances With Wolves*, *Black Robe*, *Loyalties*, *Education of Little Tree*, *Luna*, *Spirit of the Whale*, *Unnatural & Accidental*, *Sioux City*, *Silent Tongue*, *Smoke Signals* and *Mother's & Daughter's*.

Acting and speaking are but a few of the ways she contributes to society, dedicating her life to ensuring Aboriginal people, their cultures and the historic and current issues impacting their communities are fairly represented throughout the arts. A founding member of the Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company, she serves as an inspirational role model to aspiring youth. Her performances in projects like the “*Vagina Monologues*” seek to raise awareness of the shocking level of violence against Aboriginal women in Canada and to support women who are struggling with the issue of violence.

In 2010 Tantoo was inducted as a Member into the Order of Canada for her outstanding contributions. Other honors include a National Aboriginal Achievement award, the Harvard University Sunhill Award for excellence in Aboriginal film making and four honorary doctorates: University of Rochester, doctor of Fine Arts, University of St. Lawrence, Doctor of Arts; University of Calgary, Doctor of Laws; and, Fraser Valley University, Doctor of Letters.

Tantoo was born in the capital of the tar sands, Ft. McMurray, Alberta. She is active in speaking out against the Tar Sands, Keystone XL and further project development. In August 2011 she was arrested along with 60 others for violating a protest permit by sitting in front of the White House after being asked to leave. The protest was part of an ongoing sit-in to pressure President Obama to deny the Keystone XL pipeline permit. She was also present for the first ever Hands-Around-The-White-House on November 6th, again to protest the pipeline.



RAE BREAUX

National Organizer of Tar Sands Action

Topic: Nonviolent Resistance & Future of Keystone XL Pipeline

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Rae Breaux is a National Organizer for the Tar Sands Action. Since early this summer she has worked with them to coordinate two mass mobilizations in Washington, DC and help managed distributed actions across the country to oppose the Keystone XL. Rae also works with Rising Tide North America, an organizing collective dedicated to exposing false

solutions to the climate crisis through direct action and public education. Rae began organizing in Los Angeles with campus based groups focused on civil disobedience against the war and environmental sustainability. She has expanded over the last decade to focus on environmental justice and corporate accountability through community organizing and mass mobilizations. She has also worked with Greenpeace, Rainforest Action Network, and a number of local community based environmental justice groups across the country.



JACK EIDT – Panel Moderator

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Jack Eidt is a novelist, urban planner, and environmental advocate. He earned a Master’s Degree from UCLA in Urban and Regional Development and a Bachelor’s from the University of California at Santa Barbara in Environmental Studies with a minor in Creative Writing. In 2004, along with **Jerry Collamer** he founded Wild Heritage Planners, an organization dedicated to sustainable environmental planning advocacy, proposing solutions to fight urban sprawl and save precious wild habitat. He has published opinion/editorials in various periodicals, including the Los Angeles Times and Orange County Register, and has been featured on Pacifica Radio, NPR, and local public television. He also serves as a Board Member to the Los Angeles Biodiesel Cooperative and a [non-profit organization](#) dedicated to the preservation and management of

wilderness and parkland in Southern California. He has also lived and worked in Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Haiti.