

**SAMUEL CUNARD PRIZE FOR VISION, COURAGE AND CREATIVITY ON BOARD QUEEN MARY 2 CAPTAIN
OPREY REMARKS**

Honourable Scott Brison, President of the Treasury Board of the Government of Canada; Honourable Tony Ince, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage of the Province of Nova Scotia; today's honouree, The Right Honourable Paul Martin; John Young and Allan Shaw, Co-chairs of the Canadian Maritime Heritage Foundation, and all distinguished guests:

We have gathered here on board Cunard's flagship, Queen Mary 2 in Halifax, the birthplace of our founder, Sir Samuel Cunard, to award the third annual Samuel Cunard Prize for Vision, Courage and Creativity. On behalf of the ship's company and crew, I am delighted to welcome you all onboard today.

I am very pleased to welcome, and congratulate this year's honoree, The Right Honourable Paul Martin, an extraordinary individual who continues to demonstrate the qualities exemplified by Samuel Cunard throughout his life.

Sir Samuel wanted only the best for the Cunard fleet, committed to maintaining the highest standard in every venture he created. Likewise, Cunard today continues his commitment through our excellence in service standards, and passion for bringing our guests an unparalleled ocean travel experience. If you'll remember, last year we celebrated Queen Mary 2's extensive Remastering, and this year, we are delighted by the results of Queen Victoria's recent \$40 million dollar refit and the positive reception we've had since.

Ultimately, people like Paul Martin truly keep Sir Samuel's vision alive. This is evident through Paul's distinguished career and exemplary philanthropic endeavors, and I am very pleased to be present as he receives this distinguished award.

Congratulations on your many achievements, which embody the spirit of Samuel Cunard, and we hope to see you on board with us on a future voyage.

Thank you.