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Yukon's Arts Fund strengthens community spirit

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government's Arts Fund will provide \$226,043 to 17 groups in support of art development and programming.

"A vibrant and diverse arts and culture community enriches life for all Yukoners," Tourism and Culture Minister Mike Nixon said. "Through the Arts Fund the Yukon government can support groups and artistic endeavors that strengthen community spirit and cultural pride."

The Adäka Cultural Society will receive \$35,000 for the Adäka Cultural Festival that will take place in June 2012.

"Funding from Arts Fund continues to help build the Adäka Cultural Festival into a world-class, iconic event that showcases, celebrates and fosters the development of Yukon's diverse and distinctive First Nations arts and culture," co-executive producer Katie Johnson said.

"Opportunities like Adäka are critical for healthy and culturally vibrant Yukon communities."

MusicYukon will receive \$23,575 for the Arts in the Park programming that takes place throughout the summer months in LePage Park.

"We're thrilled to receive this support," MusicYukon executive director Lynne Cavanagh said.

"The visual and performing artists who give of their time, energy and creative expression are an important part of the vibrant cultural scene in downtown Whitehorse. With the help of the Arts Fund, we look forward to another great summer of Arts in the Park beginning in May."

The Arts Fund supports community group projects that advance the development of the arts in Yukon. Projects are reviewed by the Yukon Arts Advisory Council, which advises the minister on recommendations for funding.

For a list of council members visit the Yukon Arts Advisory Council website. Members are appointed by the Tourism and Culture Minister, and serve three year terms or can be re-appointed for successive terms. The next Arts Fund application deadline is June 15.

Applicants are encouraged to speak with the fund administrator before applying. For information visit the Arts Fund website or contact the fund administrator at 867-667-3535 or 1-800-661-0408, extension 3535 or email artsfund@gov.yk.ca.

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ARTS FUND APPLICATIONS - December 15, 2011 RECIPIENTS

Applicant	Project	Amount
Adäka Cultural Society	Adäka Cultural Festival	\$35,000
MusicYukon	Arts in the Park	\$23,575
Kwanlin Dün Elders Council	Kwanlin Dün First Nation Dance Group	\$22,000
Grand Ole Northern Opry Group	Two Night Concert Event	\$20,000
Yukon Filmmakers Collective	Wise and Wild	\$19,000
Yukon Summer Music Camp Society	Yukon Summer Music Camp	\$19,000
Ramshackle Theatre	Broken	\$15,080
Breakdancing Yukon Society	Train the Trainers Dance Film Boot Camp	\$12,000
Southern Tutchone Tribal Council	Songs for Dance	\$12,000
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Heritage Department	Han Language Youth Animation Workshop and Production	\$11,000
Whitehorse Photography Club	Whitehorse Photography Club Weekend Workshop	\$8,150
Yukon Art Society	Resonance Project Reverb	\$7,935
Yukon Circus Society	The Gift	\$7,000
Lorne Mountain Community Association	Children's Art Camp 2012	\$5,750
Anvil Range Arts Society	Anvil Range Arts Society Crane and Sheep Festival	\$2,995
Out North Collective	Out North Film Festival	\$2,808
Haines Junction Community Choir	Haines Junction Community Choir	\$2,750
Total		\$226,043