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Yukon artists demonstrate their creativity and skill

WHITEHORSE—Live performances and interactive demonstrations of Yukon art, music and theatre are among the 12 projects to share \$113,000 in funding through the spring Arts Fund.

"The Yukon government is proud to support these hands-on arts events and activities for the benefit of Yukoners and visitors of all ages," Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor said.

Selkirk First Nation (SFN) is receiving funding to stage demonstrations of arts and crafts in Pelly Crossing this summer.

"Thank you to the Arts Fund for generously contributing towards our Live Art Project at the Big Jonathan Heritage Centre for several years," SFN heritage manager Teri-Lee Isaac said. "The program gives local artists a chance to showcase their talents in sewing, beading, painting and carving to tourists visiting the facility. For that we would like to give a huge Mussi Cho!"

Watson Lake Arts in the Park is hosting a weekly concert series at Wye Lake Park. The Arts Fund is contributing \$10,000 to the Town of Watson Lake for the summer event.

"The Arts Fund enables us to stage the Watson Lake Arts in the Park program in partnership with our local farmers' market," Town of Watson Lake recreation programmer Meaghen Kimmitt said. "Arts in the Park brings musicians to our community and provides free access to the arts every Saturday for locals. We are very appreciative of the support and hope to offer this program for years to come."

The Arts Fund supports group projects that foster the creative development and public engagement in the arts in Yukon. Projects include workshops, special initiatives, performance and event production.

There are four application intakes each year in March, June, September and December. The most recent intake was June 15 and the recipients will be announced this fall.

Learn more: Arts Fund

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See list of funding recipients below.

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Backgrounder:

Arts Fund recipients and projects, March 2016 intake

Art Under Pressure II	Second Steamroller Print Project	\$7,000
Community Choir of Whitehorse	Unisong Choral Festival, 2017	\$18,000
Conversation Collective	T'lingipino Bingo	\$11,000
Dawson City Community Library	Dawson Daily News Print & Publishing Symposium	\$10,000
Fireweed Community Market Society	Fireweed Market Artists Showcase	\$4,250

Friends of Dempster Country	Art Magic in Tombstone	\$3,733
Kluane JUMP Collective	Haines Junction Youth Fiddle Program	\$4,000
Kwanlin Dün Cultural Society	Shakaat Artist Series	\$17,000
Selkirk First Nation Heritage Department	Selkirk First Nation Artists Live on Site	\$7,000
Town of Watson Lake	Watson Lake Arts in the Park	\$10,000
Whitehorse Photography Club	2016 Fall Photography Workshop	\$6,500
Yukon Arts Society	Arts Up Front, 2016	\$14,000
	Total	\$112,483

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