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Yukon artists explore new venues through touring opportunities

WHITEHORSE – The Touring Artist Fund will provide \$35,700 to nine performing, visual and literary artists to present their work at national and international venues.

"It is inspiring to see so many Yukon artists touring their work across Canada and internationally," Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor said. "These artists will follow up on the enthusiasm for Yukon culture demonstrated at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games. This is a very exciting time for Yukon artists to be exploring new markets and building outside audiences with an appreciation for Yukon's artistic diversity and excellence."

Ensemble band Annie Lou, featuring local musicians and songwriters Anne Louise Genest and Kim Barlow, will follow up the success of its debut album with a tour to folk festivals in Calgary, Alberta; Vancouver, Harrison and Vancouver Island in British Columbia.

"Annie Lou is so fortunate to have been selected to perform at several major folk festivals this summer," Genest said. "This tour represents a huge opportunity for us to share our music with new audiences in new venues, and we are grateful to the Touring Artist Fund for its support. This is a unique fund that goes a long way towards making touring a feasible activity for Yukon artists."

Visual artists Catherine Deer and Jane Isakson will be showcasing their work, and the north, in an exhibition entitled The Yukon and Beyond at the Kootenay Gallery in Castlegar, BC. Both Deer and Isakson are known for their highly original and personal interpretations of Yukon and northern Canada.

"It is so important for artists of all disciplines to be able to share their work with others beyond the territory, creating exposure for the artists as well as for Yukon," Isakson said. "I'm happy to have a selection of paintings about the north travel outside to be shared with a new audience, and I am very appreciative of the Touring Artist Fund for its assistance."

Applications to the Touring Artist Fund are accepted four times a year. The next intake deadline is March 15. Applications and guidelines are available online at <a href="https://www.tc.gov.yk.ca">www.tc.gov.yk.ca</a>.

For more information or to consult with the fund administrator call 867-3535, toll-free 1-800-661-0408 ext. 3535 or email <a href="mailto:artsfund@gov.yk.ca">artsfund@gov.yk.ca</a>.

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## Touring Artist Fund recipients, December 15, 2009 intake

Recipient	Name of Project	Project Description	Amount Allocated
Kim Beggs	Music tour	Music tour through southern Manitoba, Ontario, Alberta and BC	\$10,000
Annie Lou	Annie Lou Summer Festival Tour 2010	Music tour to four major Canadian folk festivals in the summer of 2010	\$10,000
Dennis Shorty	Solo art exhibit in Germany	Solo art show with artist talks and guided tours	\$5,000
Jerome Stueart	Book launch	Reading in Brighton England as part of a book launch of Evolve	\$3,000
Lance Blomgren	Three projects in Montreal	Exhibitions and studio visits in Montreal	\$2,500
Catherine Deer	"The Yukon and Beyond" art exhibit	Two person art exhibit at the Kootenay Public Art Gallery	\$1,300
Brian J. Francis	Art show	Gallery exhibition in Castlegar, BC	\$1,300
Jane Isakson	"The Yukon and Beyond" art exhibit	Two person art exhibit at the Kootenay Public Art Gallery	\$1,300
Calvin Morberg	Art show	Gallery exhibition in Castlegar, BC	\$1,300
	TOTALS:		\$35,700

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Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor and Dennis Shorty at the Four Host First Nation market in downtown Vancouver on Yukon Day, February 20.

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