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Arts Fund supports community engagement through artistic expression

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government's Arts Fund is providing \$197,467 to 14 groups in support of art development and programming. The funding was awarded to groups that submitted applications in June and September.

"This important fund helps artists share their passion, skill and expertise with others, allowing a diverse cross-section of people from Yukon communities to benefit through shared artistic expression and experiences," Tourism and Culture Minister Mike Nixon said.

Brave New Works received \$20,000 in funding from the June intake. Co-artistic directors Lauren Tuck and Jon Gelinis will present a season of new public art to fulfill the collective's vision that supports new and experimental work, giving Yukon audiences access to multidisciplinary and innovative programming.

"Brave New Works would like to thank the council for their support," Tuck said. "This project, entitled Living Art, aims to make art accessible to the community at large. With programming consisting of spoken word, performance art, visual art, graphic design and a Brave New Works publication, the season encourages audiences to go beyond viewing art and become a participant by engaging in the creation process."

The Yukon Film Society received \$18,000 from the September intake. Their mandate is to present independent and alternative media art works to Yukon audiences and to support the production and distribution of works by Yukon media artists.

"The Yukon Film Society is honoured to receive support from the Arts Fund for special programming at our upcoming 10th anniversary Available Light Film Festival," Yukon Film Society programmer Andrew Connors said. "This award is a tremendous opportunity to support senior Yukon artists in their production and presentation of ambitious and boundary-pushing media art works."

The Arts Fund supports community group projects that foster the development of the arts in Yukon. Projects are adjudicated by the Yukon Arts Advisory Council who advises the minister on recommendations for funding. The next application Arts Fund deadline is December 15, 2011.

For more information visit online 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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Backgrounder June 15, 2011 Recipients

Applicant	Project	Amount Allocated
Lauren Tuck and Jon Gelinias	To create a season of opportunities for emerging and established artists to present new public work through the Brave New Works collective.	\$20,000
Fiddleheads Yukon Organization	To deliver artistic training for youth musicians in fiddling, dance and performance.	\$17,500
Suzuki String Association Yukon	To bring in highly trained Suzuki instructors to provide violin students with opportunities to play in the community.	\$16,460
Yukon School of Visual Arts	To present a public lecture and workshop series on contemporary Aboriginal visual art.	\$13,350
Yukon Registered Music Teachers Association	To deliver workshops and master classes for music instructors.	\$5,310
Total June 2011 intake		\$72,620

Backgrounder September 15, 2011 Recipients

Applicant	Project	Amount Allocated
Donald Watt Collective	To showcase a gathering of local, national and international artists who will learn, teach and sculpt in snow in a public setting.	\$30,000
Yukon Educational Theatre	To present two community celebration events: Winterval and Burning Away the Winter Blues.	\$19,000
Yukon Film Society	To create and present two media art exhibitions at the 2012 Available Light Film Festival.	\$18,000
Yukon Women in Music	To mix and release a CD compilation of Yukon women artists and present a concert event.	\$15,250
North Klondyke Highway Music Society	To deliver community-based arts education projects in Mayo, Dawson, Pelly and Carmacks.	\$14,529
Canadian Filipino Association of Yukon	To perform a theatrical-cultural exchange featuring newly-immigrated Filipinos at Nakai's Pivot Festival.	\$10,000
Northern Lights	To perform the Nutcracker Ballet in Dawson City.	\$9,808

School of Dance

Whitehorse String Ensemble	To present workshops and concerts of the local string orchestra with visiting performers from Vancouver, the Trio Accord.	\$7,800
Ross River Campus, Yukon College	To host an antler carving workshop led by local artist Dennis Shorty.	\$460

Total September 2011 intake \$124,847*News Release #11-172*

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