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Advanced Artist Award supports artistic development

WHITEHORSE—Eleven Yukon artists will share \$40,000 through the Advanced Artist Award to further their career development in the performing, visual or literary arts.

"The Yukon government is proud to support artists who contribute to the creative and cultural life of our communities," Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon said. "This support translates into opportunities to strengthen individual career development and grow community appreciation for the arts."

The Advanced Artist Award helps professional artists looking to advance their practice through individual artistic development. The funding is for innovative projects or educational pursuits that include learning through workshops, mentorship programs and informal study.

Performing artist Monique Romeiko is receiving \$4,600 to explore new ways to understand and appreciate dance creation.

"The unique nature of my project lies in its exploration of roles and relationships interpreted through dance," Romeiko said. "This Advanced Artist Award will allow me to explore my own creativity while collaborating with others in the pursuit of inspiration, imitation, voice and interpretation—all concepts that celebrate the performing arts."

Writer Kirsten Madsen is receiving \$2,500 to continue the work on her novel, *The Cantilevered Universe*, which is focused on family dynamics that define the human experience. Madsen will work under the supervision of Giller Prize winner Joseph Boyden.

"The work to complete a novel requires time, solitude and attention to the craft of writing," Madsen said. "I appreciate the support of my peers to enable me to give this attention to my novel-in-progress as the story takes shape, from first draft to polished manuscript."

The Advanced Artist Award program is funded by Lotteries Yukon and is administered by the Department of Tourism and Culture. Submissions are adjudicated by a jury of professional artists. There are two intakes per year: April 1 and October 1.

Applicants are encouraged to consult with the fund administrator before applying.

Learn more

Advanced Artist Award: www.tc.gov.yk.ca/aaa.html

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Backgrounder

Fall 2013 Advanced Artist Award recipients

	Applicant	Project	Category	Amount
1	Lian Goodall	To research a new book about the lives of eight- to 10-year-old girls born North of 60 before 1901.	Literary	\$5,000
2	Keitha Clark	To pursue advanced jazz violin techniques with internationally renowned jazz violinist Christian Howes.	Performing	\$5,000
3	Gordie Tentrees	To dedicate time to song writing to create new work.	Performing	\$5,000
4	Peter Mather	To photograph the Porcupine Caribou herd and Gwich'in traditional events for a book and a natural history magazine.	Visual	\$5,000
5	Monique Romeiko	To collaborate with other disciplines in an incubator model for and about dance interpretation.	Performing	\$4,600
6	Daniel Janke	To have five musical scores copied and engraved so they will be considered for live performance by professional ensembles.	Performing	\$3,752
7	Brian Fidler	To participate in the Banff Puppet Theatre Intensive.	Performing	\$3,415

8	Kirsten Madsen	To research, revise and polish a final draft of a novel, <i>The Cantilevered Universe</i> , under the supervision of Giller Prize winner Joseph Boyden.	Literary	\$2,500
9	Katie Avery	To take a 12-day West African Cultural Immersion course in Ghana.	Performing	\$2,500
10	George McConkey	To attend and participate in the World Harmonica Festival in Trossingen, Germany.	Performing	\$2,000
11	Kathryn Zdybel	To revise and submit a young adult manuscript to interested publishers.	Literary	\$1,233
			TOTAL	\$40,000

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