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Advanced Artist Award supports four Yukon literary artists in creating new works

WHITEHORSE—Four Yukoners are receiving funding through the Advanced Artist Award to create new literary works in fiction, non-fiction and film.

"The Advanced Artist Award is a key component of the Government of Yukon's funding programs for individual artists," Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon said. "These four writers and their work will contribute to Yukon's thriving literary arts community."

The four literary artists are among a total of 13 funding recipients. They will use their awards as follows:

- **Lori Garrison:** Edit and refine 365 poems into a full manuscript and complete the first draft of a short story collection—\$5,000.
- **Eva Holland:** Conduct historical research on the Northwest Passage for the production of a book proposal and the beginning of a manuscript—\$10,000.
- **Genesee Keevil:** Travel to Philippines to research and develop a long-form creative non-fiction story—\$10,000.
- **Traolach Ó Murchú:** Write a treatment and first draft of a feature length screenplay based in Whitehorse—\$5,000.

"I'm really excited to begin the next stage of the *Today, in the News* project in January," Lori Garrison said. "This investment will allow me to dedicate myself to re-writing and editing my poetry in a way that I wouldn't be able to do without it."

This is the first Advanced Artist Award intake since the funding amounts were doubled. Established artists may apply for "A Level" funding of up to \$10,000 and "B Level" funding of up to \$5,000. The increase was a response to the Yukon Arts Advisory Council which recommended a funding increase so artists would have the potential to undertake larger projects over a longer period of time.

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