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## **Arts Fund supports a variety of creative community projects**

WHITEHORSE—Eight projects which encourage the development of the arts for the benefit of all Yukoners have been selected to share \$109,985 through the Government of Yukon Arts Fund.

"The Arts Fund is instrumental in supporting groups and organizations in the development of the literary, visual and performing arts in Yukon," Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon said. "Once again, I am pleased to see a variety of projects which encourage community participation, opportunities to learn and cultural festivities."

The Yukon Film Society is receiving \$22,000 for media arts programming at the Available Light Film Festival, which has grown to be the largest film festival north of 60.

"The Yukon Film Society continually seeks new and exciting programming to expand the festival's reach and pique the interest of a growing and increasingly diverse audience, including cultural tourists," festival director Andrew Connors said. "We're very honoured that Arts Fund is supporting our plan to bring renowned Canadian musicians and media artists to Whitehorse for performances that will be sprinkled throughout the nine days of the 2015 festival."

The Yukon Educational Theatre Society is receiving \$20,000 to host three events that highlight Yukon's natural and cultural environments and use the arts as a vehicle for community-building.

"Our events involve local artists who share their knowledge and expertise and encourage audience participation and engagement," Yukon Educational Theatre Society artistic director and general manager Geneviève Gagnon said. "We look forward to the opportunity to explore creative new initiatives in Yukon communities."

The Arts Fund supports projects that foster the creative development of the arts in Yukon communities. The next application deadline is September 15.

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### Arts Fund Recipients—June 2014

	Recipient	Project	Amount Funded
1	Yukon Film Society	2015 <i>Available Light Film Festival</i> : music and performance-based media arts programming.	\$22,000
2	Yukon Educational Theatre Society	Three community arts events: Winterval Parade, Burning Away the Winter Blues and a social practice art project in Haines Junction.	\$20,000
3	Fiddleheads Yukon Organization	Artistic development in fiddling, dance and performance, including presentations of <i>The Fiddle History of Canada</i> .	\$19,000
4	Suzuki Strings Association Yukon	A Yukon Suzuki camp with visiting instructors.	\$16,000
5	Association franco-yukonnaise	2014 Saint-Jean Baptiste festivities in Whitehorse and Dawson City.	\$9,000
6	Northern Lights School of Dance	Presenting <i>The Nutcracker</i> ballet in Dawson City and Haines Junction with community participation.	\$8,295
7	Bringing Youth Towards Equality	<i>Eagles &amp; Condor Community Tour</i> : a South American collaboration with flute and drum making, singing workshops, and performances in Whitehorse, Ross River and Teslin.	\$8,190
8	Sing-Along Messiah Collective	2014 <i>Sing-Along Messiah</i> : two concert performances of Handel's <i>Messiah</i> featuring Yukon soloists and a sing-along audience.	\$7,500
TOTALS:			\$109,985

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