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## **New albums and demos made possible through the Yukon Sound Recording Program**

WHITEHORSE—Eleven Yukon musicians and groups will receive financial assistance through the Yukon Sound Recording Program to record their music, for a total amount of \$31,000.

"Yukon's vibrant music community includes many talented performers," Minister of Economic Development Currie Dixon said. "By providing support for recording demo and full-length albums, the Yukon Film & Sound Commission will assist these musicians as they advance their careers and expand Yukon's recording industry."

Among the recipients are Emma and Colby Blair, a daughter and father duo, who received funding to create a demo-length recording. Emma describes her music as folk/alternative and has performed at the Blue Feather Music Festival with the Yukon band Say No More and provided backing vocals for another local band, Speed Control. Colby accompanies Emma on the guitar when they perform together.

"I got the letter awarding the funding on Christmas Eve, and I was so shocked I was crying and laughing at the same time," Emma Blair said. "My dad and I have written a couple of songs in the past month about being strong and figuring out who you are, and I'm really excited to share our music through this demo."

Brenda Berezan, a Whitehorse songwriter and performer who received a grant to record a full-length album, is enthusiastic about what Yukon offers for musicians and artists. After playing many northern festivals, including the first annual Grand Ole Northern Opry, this new album will help bring her music to new audiences.

"There is a lot of opportunity in Yukon to grow as an artist and be nurtured as an artist," Berezan said. "As a performing songwriter, of all the tools in my musical kit, an album is likely the most important. This new album will help me expand my music and performances beyond Yukon."

The Yukon Sound Recording Program has two annual intakes, in May and November.

### **Learn more**

Yukon Sound Recording Program:

[www.reelyukon.com/Sound/FundingPrograms/YukonSoundRecordingProgram](http://www.reelyukon.com/Sound/FundingPrograms/YukonSoundRecordingProgram)

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## **Backgrounder**

### **2013 Yukon Sound Recording Program Recipients**

#### **November 2013 Intake – Total awarded: \$31,000**

##### **Professional Demo Recording—up to \$2,000**

1. Noosa Al-Sarraj
2. Emma Blair & Colby Blair
3. Brass Knuckle Society
4. Fawn Fritzen
5. Drea Nasager
6. Claire Ness
7. Yule Schmidt
8. Gordie Tentrees
9. Brass Knuckle Society

##### **Professional Sound Recording—up to \$5,000**

1. Jona Barr
  2. Brenda Berezan
  3. Jordy Walker
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#### **May 2013 Intake – Total awarded: \$25,937.50**

##### **Professional Demo Recording—up to \$2,000**

1. Michael Brooks
2. Megan Haddock
3. Jordy Walker – Sauna Music

##### **Professional Sound Recording—up to \$5,000**

1. Headless Owl Records
2. Holger Haustein
3. Sarah MacDougall
4. Old Time Machine

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