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Three year funding agreement renewed for Yukon Arts Centre

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government is renewing its three-year funding agreement with the Yukon Arts Centre Corporation, Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon announced today.

"Arts and culture play a significant role in the social and economic fabric of Yukon," Nixon said. "The Yukon Arts Centre is a major player in supporting our dynamic arts community, which the Yukon government is pleased to recognize through this agreement. Our hope is that this three-year funding enables the centre to continue to develop and promote activities and events that benefit Yukoners and visitors alike."

The renewed agreement includes year-one funding of \$814,000, followed by \$830,300 for years two and three, totalling \$2,474,600 over a three-year period beginning April 1, 2014 and ending March 31, 2017, subject to legislative approval each year.

The Yukon Arts Centre is managed by the Yukon Arts Centre Corporation (YACC), which exists under the authority of the *Arts Centre Act*.

"The Yukon government is a central partner of the Yukon Arts Centre Corporation and its many activities," YACC chair Patrick Michael said. "Speaking on behalf of the board, we appreciate the work that has led to the renewal of this three-year funding agreement which will play an important part in our efforts to support, on behalf of both artists and patrons, Yukon's vibrant cultural sector."

The Yukon Arts Centre, which opened in 1992, provides programming in the performing and visual arts and art education. The centre also administers Yukon government programming such as Culture Quest, the Cultural Industry Training Fund, artist residency opportunities and Culture Days.

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