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Arts Fund supports new creative work

WHITEHORSE—Ten organizations across the territory have been awarded a total of \$134,285 from the Arts Fund's September intake to support the creation of new artistic projects and workshops.

"Yukon has an exceptional community of creative talent. These imaginative and innovative projects provide great benefits and enjoyment to a wide cross-section of people in the territory," Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor said. "The Yukon government recognizes the importance of the arts and is very pleased to provide support through the Arts Fund."

The Larrikin Entertainment Ensemble, a group of Yukon theatre professionals, received \$10,000. The group will stage its first production, a dark comedy titled *Often I Find That I am Naked* by Australian playwright Fiona Sprott.

"Larrikin Entertainment Ensemble is thrilled to have our skills as theatre artists endorsed and supported by the Arts Fund," Larrikin Entertainment Ensemble artistic executive producer Katherine McCallum said. "We are excited to be presenting our inaugural production in January and would not have been able to do this without the assistance of the Arts Fund and the Yukon theatre-loving community. Thank you!"

The Art for Teslin project received \$1,085 to bring two Yukon artists to Teslin to hold workshops. Claudia MacPhee held a silk scarf-dyeing workshop and Peter Mather delivered a photography class.

"The Arts Fund has enabled Teslin to bring interesting programs from two very talented Yukon artists to our small, rural community this year. It has been thrilling to be able to offer these programs to our citizens," Village of Teslin recreation programmer Nadine Peters said. "The Arts Fund enthusiastically supported these ideas from start to finish and our community is very grateful for the opportunities the fund has provided to us. It is really exciting to see great arts projects like these being supported in the communities."

The Arts Fund supports group projects that advance arts development in Yukon. Arts collectives, organizations, industry associations and other groups may apply.

There are four application intakes each year in March, June, September and December. The most recent intake was December 15, 2015, and the recipients will be announced by March 2016.

Learn more: Arts Fund

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See list of funding recipients below.

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Arts Fund Recipients, September 2015 Intake

Snow Sculpture Yukon Society	Whitehorse International Snow Sculpture Challenge 2016	\$30,000
Friends of the Palace Grand Society	<i>A Klondike Home Companion</i>	\$20,000
Gwaandak Theatre, Nakai Theatre and W.I.T.	Yukon Theatre Programming for Magnetic North Theatre Festival	\$20,000

North Klondyke Highway Music Society	2015-16 Klondyke Music School Program	\$18,200
D60 Collective	Whitehorse Nuit Blanche 2016	\$13,000
Brave New Works Collective	Brave New Works: Brief Encounters	\$10,000
Larrikin Entertainment Ensemble	<i>Often I Find That I Am Naked</i> by Fiona Sprott	\$10,000
Kluane Quilters Guild	Art Quilting: Creating Depth, Drama and Contrast	\$6,000
Yukon School of Visual Arts - Yukon College	Indexes of the Land: Aboriginal Artists Lecture-Workshop series	\$6,000
Village of Teslin	Arts for Teslin	\$1,085
	Totals	\$134,285

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