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Arts Operating Funds support community arts and culture

WHITEHORSE— The Government of Yukon's Arts Operating Funds are providing \$668,000 in 2016 to 15 established arts organizations and four annual projects.

"The Yukon government is proud to support the local arts organizations and non-profit societies that bring such important benefits to our territory," Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor said.

Last year, groups funded by Arts Operating Funds generated almost \$2 million through ticket sales, earned revenue and fundraising. Together they hosted close to 700 events that drew 78,000 people. As well, volunteers contributed over 24,000 hours of their time.

This year, Blue Feather Music Society is receiving \$27,500 in funding for its annual festival in November.

"The Blue Feather Music Festival is very grateful to the Arts Operating Funds for the continued funding," society president and festival producer Gary Bailie said. "It is very inspiring to be living in such a supportive artistic community."

The Extremely Moving Youth Society (EMYS) is receiving \$35,685 to provide a range of pre-professional dance training skills development and opportunities to Yukon youth.

"Funding like this means we can continue to prepare our Yukon youth for professional careers in dance all year long," society president Kyle Janzen said. "In addition to our comprehensive pre-professional dance training program, the production of a student choreography show, a repertory development project, and an educational dance trip, this generous contribution from the Arts Operating Fund will allow EMYS to add an annual summer dance intensive to our regular programming."

Applications for Arts Operating Funds are adjudicated by the nine-member Yukon Arts Advisory Council. The next application deadline is February 15, 2017.

Arts Operating Funds are co-funded by the Department of Tourism and Culture and Lotteries Yukon. The funds support the operations and programming of Yukon arts organizations that demonstrate sound planning, governance and financial management in meeting their arts mandates.

Learn more Arts Operating Fund

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See list of funding recipients below.

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Arts Operating Fund recipients

Guild Society	\$89,000
Yukon Art Society	\$71,000
Yukon Film Society	\$57,000
Gwaandak Theatre Society	\$55,000
Nakai Theatre Ensemble	\$50,000
Dawson City Music Festival Association	\$45,000
Extremely Moving Youth Society	\$35,685
Breakdancing Yukon Society	\$35,325
Whitehorse Concerts	\$35,000
Jazz Yukon	\$30,000
Junction Arts and Music Society	\$29,000
Community Choir of Whitehorse	\$27,500
Northern Lights School of Dance	\$25,000

All-City Band Society	\$16,000
Northern Fibres Guild	\$4,990
Blue Feather Music Society	\$27,500
Association franco-yukonnaise	\$20,000
Rotary Club of Whitehorse	\$10,000
Village of Mayo	\$5,000
Total Awards	\$668,000

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