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**Arts Fund supports 12 art projects, reaches milestone with 1000th application**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is awarding \$163,500 to 12 community and arts organizations through the Arts Fund.

“For 15 years, the Arts Fund has been a mainstay in fostering the creative development of the arts in Yukon,” Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor said. “The Yukon government is pleased to support a tremendously diverse array of projects, from festivals and performances to workshops and celebrations that encourage public engagement in the arts.”

The Sundog Acoustic Music Society is one organization to receive a grant. The funds will support the Yukon Acoustic Music Workshop to be held in Whitehorse this June.

“Workshop participants receive first-class, hands-on musical instruction in a relaxed, positive and inclusive environment,” Sundog Acoustic Music Society secretary-treasurer Scott Wilson said. “Participants improve their personal music skills, gain confidence in playing with others and are encouraged to be part of the larger cultural community. We are very appreciative of the Yukon government’s support for this event.”

Varietease is another group to receive funding. It will use the funds to stage Varietease VI: Carnival of the Dead at the Yukon Arts Centre in October.

“Since the first Varietease eight years ago, we are excited to return to the Yukon Arts Centre to present a high-quality cabaret burlesque show,” Varietease creative producer Fiona Solon said. “Support from the Arts Fund means we can continue to develop local talent, explore the creative boundaries of burlesque and entertain Yukoners.”

The Arts Fund has four application intakes per year: March, June, September and December. Eligible applicants include artist collectives, non-profit organizations, community and industry associations, First Nations and municipal governments, school councils and local advisory councils.

Since the program’s launch in 2001, the Arts Fund has contributed more than \$7,500,000 in support of 728 group art projects. The December 2015 application intake saw the program mark a milestone as it welcomed its 1000th application.

Learn more: Arts Fund

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**Arts Fund – December 2015 intake**

Applicant	Project	Amount Awarded
Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association	Adäka Cultural Festival	\$35,000
Yukon Bluegrass Music Society	Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival	\$25,000
Music Yukon	Arts in the Park	\$24,000
Varietease Collective	Varietease VI: Carnival of the Dead	\$18,000

Liard Aboriginal Women's Society	Celebrating our Youth Achievements through Culture	\$15,000
Yukon Music Camp Society	Yukon Summer Music Camp	\$15,000
Sundog Acoustic Music Society	Yukon Acoustic Music Workshop	\$10,000
Dawson City Music Festival	Yukon Girls Rock Camp	\$7,000
Singalong Messiah Collective	Singalong Messiah	\$4,500
Nicole Rayburn & Veronica Verkley	Cold Cuts Video Festival	\$3,500
Yukon Conservation Society	Created at the Canyon	\$3,500
Yukon Queer Film Alliance	OUT North Queer Film Festival	\$3,000
	Totals:	\$163,500

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