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Touring Artist Fund supports musicians and visual artists

WHITEHORSE—Several Yukon artists involved in four separate projects are sharing \$32,300 in support from the Touring Artist Fund to present their work to audiences outside the territory.

"The Government of Yukon is committed to assisting our artists in gaining national and international exposure as an important step in their professional development," Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor said. "By showcasing their work outside the territory, artists raise audience awareness of northern talent and foster potential for more touring opportunities in the future."

Whitehorse artist Jona Barr received \$10,000 to tour his latest collection of songs under the name Old Cabin. He is touring with a select group of musicians in western Canada before travelling to eastern Canada as a solo artist.

"The tour is an opportunity to broaden my national fan base and to generate awareness for my soon-to-be released mini album, *Saturn Return*," Barr said. "With the other musicians on the tour I can recreate the studio album in a live setting, while the solo portion of the project means I can experiment with performing stripped-down versions of the songs."

Visual artist Nicole Bauberger received \$6,500 to tour her exhibit *Get There From Here* to galleries in Abbotsford, British Columbia; Portage La Prairie, Manitoba; Swift Current, Saskatchewan; and Medicine Hat, Alberta. The exhibit consists of approximately 220 paintings that Bauberger created while driving east to west and south to north through Canada.

"One of my goals as an artist is to reach a wide range of people, including those who think contemporary art is not for them," Bauberger said. "Touring this show through galleries outside of the main urban centres will help this audience access my work. The exposure may also lead to other residencies and showing opportunities in these smaller cities."

Songwriter and musician Sarah MacDougall received \$10,000 to tour her new album, *Grand Canyon*, in Europe and to attend JUNOFest 2016 in Calgary.

Visual artist Sandra Storey received \$5,800 to tour with Jeanine Baker and Paul Baker, to hold an exhibition in a gallery in Cochrane, Alberta and to explore other opportunities in British Columbia.

The Touring Artist Fund fosters the development of the arts by supporting literary, visual and performing artists, ensembles and companies to present their work publicly at professionally curated exhibitions, concerts, festivals, or showcases.

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Touring Artist Fund: www.tc.gov.yk.ca/taf

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Backgrounder

Touring Artist Fund recipients – March 2016 application intake

Recipient	Project	Amount funded
Jona Barr	<i>Saturn Return</i> Release Tour	\$10,000
Sarah MacDougall	<i>Grand Canyon</i> Euro Release Tour & JunoFest 2016	\$10,000

Nicole Bauberger	<i>Get There From Here</i> , Western Canadian Tour	\$6,500
Sandra Storey	Three Yukon Artists	\$5,800
	Total	\$32,300

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