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### Sport, culture and youth ambassador contingent heading to Vancouver

WHITEHORSE –The sport, culture and youth ambassador teams representing Yukon at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games gathered in Whitehorse for a send-off event.

"The strength of Yukon is in its people, and our team of sports, culture and youth participants will make us all proud in Vancouver," Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor said. "The team's energy and vitality exemplifies their love of Yukon. Attending Canada's Games on behalf of Yukon will give them opportunities to share their stories and talents with others, demonstrating Yukon as a great place to live, work, and invest."

"Sport and recreation, and the opportunities each provides, contribute enormously to the well-being of Yukoners," Community Services Minister Archie Lang said. "On behalf of all Yukoners, I hope they enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to represent Yukon."

The information briefing session brought together youth ambassadors, Arctic Sport and Dene Games athletes, and artists and performers involved in the cultural, sport and hospitality aspects of promoting Yukon at Canada's Games.

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See backgrounder below.

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### Backgrounder: Yukon Sport and Recreation Delegation to the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games

Yukon's sport and recreation delegation includes sports technical officials, youth ambassadors,

Arctic Sports and Dene Games demonstration athletes, coaches and support staff.

For photos and highlights of Yukon's 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games sport delegation, visit [www.community.gov.yk.ca](http://www.community.gov.yk.ca).

#### **Volunteer Technical Officials**

Agnes Riedeger	speed skating
Barry Sugden	speed skating
Cynthia Onions	speed skating
Claude Chabot	cross-country skiing
Marg White	curling
Ted Dean	biathlon

#### **Youth Ambassadors**

Andrew Craigen
Brittany Greer
Janna Tait
Kluane Adamek
Lia Johnson

#### **Arctic Sports and Dene Games**

Chris Nash	coach
Cody Wilkinson	coach
Samantha John	coach
Jordan Howse	athlete
Joshua Carr	athlete
Melissa Howell	athlete
Tyler Wynnyk	athlete

#### **Community Services, Sport and Recreation Staff**

Charly Kelly	First Nations/community recreation consultant
Trevor Twardochleb	sport consultant

**Yukon Cultural Olympiad at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games**

Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad has been an ongoing celebration of the contemporary imagination. Beginning in 2008, a series of three multi-disciplinary festivals haven taken place and will culminate at the 2010 Games. This was the first time an Olympic Winter Games began hosting a Cultural Olympiad two years before the Games actually began.

See Yukon government news release for more information on the Cultural Olympiad:

**February 2, 2009, Yukon Performers in Cultural Olympiad 2009 Announced**

[www.gov.yk.ca/news/2009/09-010.html](http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/2009/09-010.html)

**November 24, 2009, Yukon Talent Will Take to the Stage at 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games** [www.gov.yk.ca/news/09-272.html](http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/09-272.html)**Culture at 2010****Soir de Semaine**

Pascal St. Laurent  
Alain des Rochers  
Marie-Maude Allard  
Marc Paradis  
Cory Chouinard

**Root Sellers**

Daniel Ashley  
Galen Ashley  
Fiona Solon  
Juan Ciannani  
Puryakhalil Khalili

**Sasquatch Prom Date**

Ryan McNally  
Genesee Keevil  
Ian Stewart  
Patrick Singh

**Sophisticated Cavemen**

Rick Sward  
Lara Lewis  
Graeme Peters  
Ivan Zenovitch  
Ched Dunham

**Spring Breakup**

Mathias Kom  
Kim Barlow

**Yukon Urban Dance Ensemble**

Michelle Fisher  
Mellisa Kwok  
Valerie Herdes  
Grace Simpson-Fowler  
Riley Simpson-Fowler  
Nicholas Robinson  
Alexander Robinson  
Benjamin Robinson  
George Rivard  
Jada Powell  
Jessica Hickman  
Tellyse Parent  
Jordan Reti  
Andrea Simpson-Fowler

**Visual Artists**

Meshell Melvin

Nicole Bauberger  
Lena White

**Dakká Kwáan Dancers**

Heather Callaghan  
William Callaghan  
Marilyn Jensen  
Megan Jensen  
Blake Lepine  
Jared Lepine  
Jared Lutchman  
Sally Lutchman  
Gary Sidney-Johnson  
Sean Smith  
Andrameda Hunter

**Staff/Production Team**

Michele Emslie  
Andrea Burgoyne  
Mary Bradshaw  
Dean Eyre  
Jenny Hamilton  
Patrick Matheson  
Celia McBride  
Debbie Peters  
Al Cushing  
Jennifer Bowen  
Michael Martyn (Ontario)

**Cultural Olympiad (Yukon Artists) 2009/2010**

Lyn Fabio  
Helen O'Connor  
Paul Gort  
Hannah Jickling and Valerie Salez  
Hans Gatt

**Cultural Olympiad (Performing Artists) 2009/2010**

Daniel Janke & Longest Night Society  
Ivan Coyote  
Soir de Semaine  
Gordie Tentrees  
Spring Break Up (Kim Barlow and Mathias Kom)  
Dakká Kwáan Dancers  
Yukon Canada International Snow Sculpting Team (Don Watt, Mike Lane, Gisli Balzer and Shai Baxendale)

**Also appearing courtesy of 2010 events**

Manfred Janssen  
Charlie Wilson  
Jude Wong

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