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Funding programs support artistic exploration and creative communities

Artists and community organizations received a total of \$261,700 for a variety of arts projects and touring opportunities through the final 2016 submission periods of the Advanced Artist Award, Touring Artist Fund and Arts Fund.

The Advanced Artist Award supported 13 professional artists to develop new work, learn new artistic skills, and explore new techniques or art forms. The Touring Artist Fund is providing assistance to six people – including film, performing, theatre and visual artists – to tour their work to audiences outside Yukon. The Arts Fund provided support to 12 organizations to present festivals, workshops and other events in several Yukon communities.

Quotes

"Through our arts funding programs, we are supporting artists, cultural professionals and community organizations to foster artistic development, inspire creative communities and enrich the lives of all Yukoners."

–Minister of Tourism and Culture Jeanie Dendys

"With support from the Advanced Artist Award I'm creating a one-of-a-kind collection of northern fashions for several runway events in 2017. My design philosophy is to make unique yet practical northern fashions and accessories using quality materials and a refined skill that honours the sewing of my Tlingit ancestors; challenges the boundaries of fashion, craft and fine art; and further refines my skills as an artist."

–Advanced Artist Award recipient Whitney Horne

"The massive-scale, outdoor solo exhibition at the Yellowknife Artist Run Community Centre's SubARCCtic V event is my largest art creation to date, expanding both my abilities and exposure. Through five days of demos and two artist talks, including one with 40 school kids, my presence outside of Yukon has heightened. Like riding a wave, this exposure is already opening up opportunities further afield. And the exhibition piece has become part of the permanent collection of the Northern Frontier Visitors Association in Yellowknife."

–Touring Artist Fund recipient Leslie Leong

"Blues Fusion is a unique, inclusive style of partner dance in which dancers are encouraged to intermingle social dance styles and genres, while improvising and experimenting. We are holding a Blues Fusion workshop in Whitehorse in order to build a community of dancers that are keen to learn and explore this style of dance and participate in regular ongoing events. We are grateful for the support of Arts Fund so that we can bring this dance style to the north!"

–Arts Fund recipient and Emily Payne Collective director Emily Payne

Quick facts

- The Advanced Artist Award helps individual, senior-level Yukon artists to participate in innovative projects, travel or educational pursuits. Each year, \$150,000 is available through two annual intakes. Lotteries Yukon provides the funds for the award.
- 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. There are four intakes a year.
- The Arts Fund fosters the creative development of the arts in Yukon by supporting collectives, organizations, industry associations and other eligible groups in activities related to the literary, visual or performing arts.

Learn more: Arts funding and awards

See background.

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Advanced Artist Award – Fall 2016 intake

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#	Recipient	Project	Amount funded
1	Lucie Desaulniers	To learn and implement the process of charting original arrangements of Bossa Nova music.	\$10,000.00
2	Sarah MacDougall	To write a new body of work and attend the Banff Centre for the Arts.	\$10,000.00
3	Clea Roberts	To research, outline and write a first draft of an historical novel set in Yukon.	\$10,000.00
4	Lulu Keating	To explore animation techniques and produce an animated film called "No Accident".	\$8,000.00
5	Dan Dowhal	To develop a new novel, <i>Sled Doug</i> , write the first 3 chapters, and explore the diversification of the story into other media.	\$5,000.00
6	Michel Gignac	To collect wild Yukon stories and develop a surreal interactive sculpture that invites viewers to discover them.	\$5,000.00
7	Whitney Horne	To design and make a small northern fashion collection to show at northern festivals.	\$5,000.00
8	Daphne Mennell	To produce an interactive exhibition of paintings and installation pieces representing a hiking experience over the Chilkoot Pass.	\$5,000.00
9	Nina Reed	To attend The Second City comedy writing and improvisation workshops.	\$5,000.00
10	Naomi Mark	To explore and reconstruct the story of a personal documentary, <i>How to Bee</i> , about learning beekeeping from my father who was recently diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.	\$4,000.00
11	Meg Walker	To make a series of drawings based on recorded sounds to represent each hour of one imagined day in each of the four seasons.	\$3,164.00
12	Owen Williams	To explore and refine Humanist letter forms embossed into and onto paper for an exhibition at the Edge Gallery, Whitehorse.	\$2,500.00
13	Amelia Rose Slobogean	To compose four pieces for solo violin.	\$2,336.00
		Total	\$75,000.00

Touring Artist Fund recipients – December 15, 2016 intake

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#	Recipient	Project	Amount funded
1	Brian Fidler	To present an original cardboard puppet show for four performances at the rEvolver Festival in Vancouver.	\$7,000.00
2	Neil Graham	Presenting a solo exhibition of 38 paintings, drawings and a soundscape at the Haida Gwaii Museum in Skidgate, Haida Gwaii.	\$6,500.00
3	Leslie Leong	Attend the SubARCCtic V exhibition of an outdoor sculpture in Yellowknife, NWT.	\$1,500.00
4	Amelia Merhar	To perform an upcoming EP, Academically Stacked, at 14 shows across Canada including headlining at a festival.	\$1,958.00
5	Kelly Milner	To present the film SHIFT at various film festivals and public screenings.	\$5,000.00
6	Gordie Tentrees	To tour Western Australia, performing 17 concerts including the Nannup Festival.	\$7,000.00
		Total	\$28,958.00

Arts Fund recipients – December 15, 2016 intake

#	Recipient	Project	Amount funded
1	Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association	2017 Adäka Cultural Festival	\$35,000.00
2	Music Yukon	Arts in the Park 2017	\$24,000.00
3	Yukon Bluegrass Music Society	2017 Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival	\$23,500.00
4	Yukon Music Camp Society	Yukon Summer Music Camp 2017 30th Anniversary Year	\$19,000.00
5	Open Pit Performance League	Busted Up: A Yukon Story Premiere	\$15,000.00
6	Dawson City Community Library	Dawson Daily News Print and Publishing Symposium	\$10,000.00
7	Sundog Acoustic Music Society	Yukon Acoustic Music Workshop 2017 (The Woodshed)	\$10,000.00
8	Yukon Women in Music	YWIM "Cook Shack Sessions - Emerging Musically"	\$9,312.00
9	Friends of Dempster Country Society	Art Magic in Tombstone	\$4,000.00

10	Yukon Conservation Society	Created at the Canyon	\$4,000.00
11	Town of Faro	Canada Through the Decades: 150 years celebration	\$2,500.00
12	Emily Payne Collective	Blues Fusion Dance Workshop	\$1,500.00
		Totals	\$157,812.00

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