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Experienced artists receive professional development awards

Ten experienced Yukon artists are receiving Advanced Artist Awards to support their ongoing professional and creative development. The recipients are sharing a total of \$75,000.

The artists' disciplines include carving; painting in oils, ink and watercolour; dance; fiction and non-fiction writings; audio recordings; and beading.

Artists are working in the areas of visual, performing, literary and interdisciplinary arts. A jury of professional Yukon artists selected the award recipients from the spring intake of applications.

Quotes

"Congratulations to all recipients of the Advanced Artist Award. The work demonstrated by these talented artists is outstanding, and the Government of Yukon is proud to provide support for projects, travel and learning through this award. Yukon artists greatly contribute to the unique fabric of our territory and inspire residents and visitors alike.

–Minister of Tourism and Culture Jeanie Dendys

"I am very thankful to the Yukon government for the opportunity to receive one-on-one mentorship with musician Olivier de Colombel. Thanks to the Advanced Artist Award I am learning super practical skills and tools that I am applying already and will use regularly."

–Yukon recording artist Nicole Edwards

Quick facts

- Application intakes for the Advanced Artist Award take place twice a year, in the spring and fall. The next intake deadline is October 2, 2017.
- Jury members for the spring 2017 intake of applications were Christina Buckle, Bob Hamilton, Deanna McLeod, Rhoda Merkel, Suzanne Paleczny and Dan Sokolowski.
- The award is funded by Lotteries Yukon and is administered by the Government of Yukon's Department of Tourism and Culture.

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Backgrounder:

Spring 2017 Advanced Artist Award

Name	Description of work	Amount
Dennis Shorty	Carve toys from birch bark and wood, and moose and caribou antler. Create watercolour and ink paintings based on childhood memories.	\$10,000
Michele Genest	Write short narratives, "as-told-to" stories and autobiographical fiction for print and e-publishing.	\$10,000
Jeffrey Langille	Combine field audio recordings and video images of the sun and sky to pose questions of perception and time.	\$9,884
Joanna Lilley	Complete a draft of a novel, Permanent Residence, with the support of literary mentorship and professional guidance.	\$9,859
Mellisa Murray	Attend and participate in the ImPulsTanz Vienna International Dance Festival	\$9,000

Rosemary Scanlon	Create a series of watercolour paintings with decorative frames that extend the work beyond the canvas.	\$5,801
Nicole Edwards	To mentor with Olivier de Colombel on charting the artist's own songs using the Sibelius software program.	\$5,456
Jackie Irvine	To mentor with Yukon artist Val Hodgson in the technique of oil painting.	\$5,000
Karen Nicloux	To bead a moosehide horse blanket measuring six-square-feet.	\$5,000
Charles Hegsted	To compose songs for an album and live performance and develop sound design techniques in a professional studio with Jordy Walker.	\$5,000

Total \$75,000

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