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Advanced Artist Award supports a balance of education and experience

WHITEHORSE—Eleven Yukon artists will share \$40,000 in funding from the Government of Yukon's Advanced Artist Award to further their development in the literary, visual and performing arts.

"The Yukon government is proud to support advanced level artists who are committed to their personal and professional development," Tourism and Culture Minister Mike Nixon said. "It is their passion to create, educate and explore that nurtures their own artistic endeavors that can then be shared with fellow Yukoners."

Rosemary Scanlon is receiving \$5,000 to research, develop and create new works as a visual artist.

"I'm honoured to receive this recognition," Scanlon said. "The award will be tremendously helpful in supporting the creation of work for a group show at the Yukon Arts Centre and in creating a new body of work for my first solo show taking place at the aceartinc gallery in Winnipeg."

Bronwyn Jones is receiving \$2,500 to study acting and voice with actor and director Gerald Isaac in Toronto.

"I am pleased to be recognized by my peers for the creative work I have done so far in my community," Jones said. "The grant fortifies in me how fortunate we are to have the funding system to assist artists with their ventures. I can now go further in the study of theatre and voice, and then return home, putting into practice what I have learned."

The Advanced Artist Award program is funded by Lotteries Yukon and is administered by the Department of Tourism and Culture. Submissions are adjudicated by a jury of professional artists.

The next intake for the Advanced Artist Award is April 1, 2012. Artists interested in applying are encouraged to contact the fund administrator at 667-8789 or toll-free at 1-800-661-0408, extension 8789.

Learn more about the Advanced Artist Award.

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Backgrounder:

Advanced Artist Award – October 1, 2011 recipients

Applicant	Project	Artistic Category	Amount Allocated
Kim Beggs	To create a song cycle with story-telling about Yukon transportation history.	Performing	\$5,000
Cheryl Rivest	To study advanced metalwork techniques: vessel raising with ornamental chasing & repousse.	Visual	\$5,000
Kate Weekes	To mentor with jazz vocalist Karin Plato and jazz guitarist Don Ogilvie.	Performing	\$5,000
Rosemary Scanlon	To create a new body of work for three confirmed exhibitions.	Visual	\$5,000
Jessica Hickman	To attend Canada's National Voice Intensive in Vancouver.	Performing	\$5,000
Ryan McNally	To study jazz finger-style guitar with Paul Pigat and studio music production with Bob Hamilton.	Performing	\$4,000
Marlene Collins	To create a new body of work for public display and appreciation.	Visual	\$2,500
Jen Williams	To create a new body of work involving intricate scale models and macro techniques.	Visual	\$2,500
Bronwyn Jones	To study acting and voice with actor/director Gerald Issac in Toronto.	Performing	\$2,500
Joanna Lilley	To attend the Cascadia Poetry Festival in Washington state.	Literary	\$1,960
Carrie Corcoran	To complete a draft of biographical poems based on the writing of Danish author Isak Dinesen.	Literary	\$1,540
			Total \$40,000

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