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## **Advanced Artist Award supports more development of the performing arts in Yukon**

WHITEHORSE—Five Yukon performing artists have received support through the latest intake of the Advanced Artist Award.

"The Yukon government is supporting performing artists in the territory with more than \$22,000 through this Advanced Artist Award announcement," Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor said. "The Yukon government understands the value of supporting the arts, which contributes not only to the artistic development of funding recipients but to the community as a whole."

The five performing artists are among 13 funding recipients who received a total of \$75,000 during this intake. They will use their awards as follows:

- Jordy Walker – \$8,520 – To develop an interactive sound art piece using guitars.
- Amelia Rose Slobogean – \$4,678 – To work on eight songs with two musicians from Vancouver.
- Iris Binger – \$4,244 – To participate in the American Dance Festival New York Winter Intensive 2015.
- Ryan McNally – \$2,595 – To compose music at Frenchman Studios in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Hazel Venzon – \$2,300 – To travel to Toronto to collaborate as a video designer for Cahoots Theatre.

"Thanks to the Advanced Artist Award, I will have the chance to pursue my interactive sound art project, Mass Guitar," Jordy Walker said. "The Advanced Artist Award will give me the support required to truly delve into many aspects of the project that I wouldn't otherwise be able to explore."

This is the first Advanced Artist Award intake since the funding amounts were doubled. Established artists may apply for "A Level" funding of up to \$10,000 and "B Level" funding of up to \$5,000.

The increase was a response to the Yukon Arts Advisory Council which recommended a funding increase so artists would have the potential to undertake larger projects over a longer period of time.

Learn more: Advanced Artist Award

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