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## **Yukoners attend BreakOut West to showcase talent**

WHITEHORSE—Six Yukon musicians will showcase their talents onstage at this year's BreakOut West Conference and Festival held in Victoria, B.C. from September 17 to 20.

"Yukon is proud to celebrate Western Canada's musical talent and encourage the continued development of our region's music industry," Minister of Economic Development Stacey Hassard said. "The 2015 BreakOut West Festival is a valuable forum for these important contributions to our economies and cultures."

Two Yukoners were also nominated for Western Canada Music Awards, to be held on September 20 in Victoria B.C. Sarah McDougall's newest album *Grand Canyon* is nominated for Roots Solo Album of the Year, and Magnum Opus Management, owned by Debbie Peters, is nominated for Agency of the Year.

Music Yukon and the Yukon Film and Sound Commission have worked together to bring Yukon artists to this year's event. Several Yukon artists including Claire Ness, Dana Jennejohn and the Bennett Sun, Kim Beggs, The Midnight Sons Band, Ryan McNally and Sarah MacDougall will be showcasing their music for industry professionals during the festival.

On September 18 the Yukon Film and Sound Commission will host a network mixer, providing Yukon artists and industry professionals with an opportunity to network. Yukoner Michael Brooks has also been selected to host Mini-BreakOut West on September 19, which focuses on showcasing children's talents.

"Congratulations to the musicians and the industry professionals nominated for this year's Western Canadian Music Awards. I am particularly pleased to point out that with six Yukoners showcasing during the festival and two nominations for the Western Canadian Music Awards, our territory is well represented this year," Hassard added.

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