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Arts Fund supports projects that enrich communities

WHITEHORSE—Nine Yukon organizations are receiving Arts Fund support for community-based projects that provide arts education, development and appreciation opportunities for artists and audiences.

"These projects provide many opportunities for community arts development," Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon said. "The Arts Fund supports projects that encourage all Yukoners to be a part of the territory's diverse culture by participating as artists and as audience members."

The Yukon Art Society is receiving \$9,000 for collaborative exchanges between artists and a curatorial training project centred on the Edge Gallery in Arts Underground.

"This project encourages new ideas and creative innovation through collaboration between artists," society executive director Alena Puskas said. "It also helps curatorial trainees acquire skills such as art criticism which is important in the North, where artists are isolated from the critical discussion taking place in larger city centres. Artists will gain a better idea where their work fits in the greater context of contemporary art in Canada and internationally."

The Haines Junction Art Acquisition Selection Committee (AASC) is partnering with Parks Canada and the Yukon Arts Centre to present an exhibition featuring photographs of Kluane National Park taken by two internationally-acclaimed photographers, Bradford Washburn and Sebastião Salgado.

"Each of these photographers brought a unique perspective to the mountains and ice fields of Kluane and their work has great significance in the region," AASC member Yvonne Eleniak said. "Washburn was a well-known American mountaineer whose images were taken during the 20th century, and Salgado is a contemporary artist at the peak of his career. The project is an unprecedented opportunity for Yukoners to see these world-class photographs in one exhibition."

The Arts Fund supports group projects that foster development in literary, visual or performing arts. There are four application intakes a year on the 15th of March, June, September and December.

For more information on arts funding programs visit the Tourism and Culture website.

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Backgrounder: Arts Fund—June 15 recipients

	Applicant	Project description	Amount funded
1	Fiddleheads Yukon Organization	Artistic development in fiddling, dance and performance, including a presentation of <i>The Fiddle History of Canada</i> .	\$23,750
2	Yukon Educational Theatre	Three seasonal public celebrations with community engagement.	\$15,000
3	Nakai Theatre Ensemble	<i>Broken</i> —a one-man play by Brian Fidler to tour several Yukon communities.	\$13,300
4	Suzuki Strings Association Yukon	Suzuki Triangle project—development for teachers, students and parents.	\$11,000
5	Ted Harrison Artist Retreat Society (THARS)	Artist residencies at Ted Harrison artist retreat—mentoring Yukon artists and encouraging community engagement.	\$11,000
6	Selkirk First Nation	Northern Tutchone arts and craft showcase at the Big Jonathan Centre in Pelly Crossing.	\$9,000
7	Yukon Art Society	Edge Gallery—a collaborative exchange and curatorial training project.	\$9,000
8	Village of Haines Junction— Haines Junction Art Acquisition Selection Committee (AACS)	Kluane National Park photography exhibition: Bradford Washburn and Sebastião Salgado.	\$7,000

9	Joyce Majiski Collective	<i>Art Under Pressure</i> —a giant steam roller print project.	\$3,427
		TOTAL	\$102,477

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