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Arts Fund supports community engagement in the arts

WHITEHORSE—Eleven arts organizations will share more than \$102,000 from the Arts Fund in support of artistic development, cultural diversity and community participation.

"The Arts Fund supports events and projects that foster cultural connections and community development through participation in the arts," Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon said. "This group of recipients reflects a variety of art forms, cultures and regions of Yukon, and we are pleased to support their work."

The Teslin Tlingit Council is receiving \$20,000 for the Ha Kus Teyea Celebration taking place this summer. Since 2009 this gathering has brought together Inland and Coastal Tlingit to celebrate shared traditions and family connections that strengthen Tlingit culture.

"The third bi-annual celebration is a unique opportunity in which visitors can experience the Tlingit language and traditions via the visual arts, performance art, demonstrations/workshops, storytelling and First Nation dance and song," Teslin Tlingit Council Community Arts Coordinator Melaina Sheldon said. "From our colourful opening ceremony to our heartfelt farewell, we hope to build and strengthen relationships through celebration and experience."

The Lorne Mountain Community Association (LMCA) is receiving \$5,740 for the Sunshine Art series this summer. Two outdoor events and one indoor event will showcase and develop the skills of established and emerging artists in the Mount Lorne community.

"This funding helps us nurture youth in the creative pursuits of music, circus and culinary arts," LMCA President Sharon Hickey said. "Our youth will learn new skills as well as the discipline to plan, focus, work in teams and celebrate their accomplishments. By participating in these artistic programs they will also be contributing to our community and building on their sense of belonging, which will add to their resumé's as citizens of tomorrow."

The Arts Fund is available to art collectives, organizations, industry associations and other eligible groups for projects related to the literary, visual or performing arts. There are four application intake deadlines per year: March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15.

For more information on arts funding opportunities, visit www.tc.gov.yk.ca.

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Arts Fund March 15, 2013 Recipients

	Applicant	Project description	Amount
1	Northern Opry Project Group	Grand Ole Northern Opry two night concert event	\$20,000
2	Teslin Tlingit Council	2013 Ha Kus Teyea Celebration, "Part of the Land, Part of the Water"	\$20,000
3	Dawson City Community Library Board	Dawson Daily News print and publishing symposium	\$12,000
4	Extremely Moving Youth Society	Choreographic Connections dance project	\$11,000
5	Whitehorse Photography Club	Whitehorse Photography Club fall workshop	\$7,100
6	Northern Impact Dance Ensemble	Northern Vibe 3-day dance intensive workshop	\$7,000
7	Association théâtre Art'lequin	On n'est pas des grenouilles - cabaret théâtre	\$6,475
8	Friends of the Dempster Country Society	Art Magic in Tombstone, local artists interacting with visiting public	\$6,000
9	Lorne Mountain Community Association	Sunshine Art event series 2013 at Lorne Mountain Community Centre	\$5,740
10	Association franco-yukonnaise	Cultural and Artistic Celebrations for St-Jean Baptiste Day	\$5,000
11	Haines Junction Campus and Yukon College	Build your own Djembe and learn how to play it	\$2,137
		TOTAL	\$102,452

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