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Fund supports artists touring beyond Yukon borders

WHITEHORSE—The Touring Artist Fund is providing \$24,000 to Yukon visual artists, musicians and theatre artists to tour their work and develop new audiences outside the territory.

"Yukon artists work hard to create new opportunities to showcase their work and to grow professionally and artistically," Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon said. "The Yukon government is proud to support them in their efforts to increase their national and international exposure which in turn builds awareness of the territory's diverse arts scene."

Musician Gordie Tentrees is receiving \$7,000 to tour seven European countries with Yukoners Fabian Brooks and Aiden Tentrees in 2014.

"This tour is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to showcase my songs in Europe, where we are performing in Spain for the first time," Tentrees said. "Another highlight of the tour is the Walk About Festival in Holland which will feature some of the best roots musicians from around the world. I will be building audiences as well as increasing my overseas profile, which improves my chances for more European tours in the future."

Visual artist Paul Baker received \$2,000 to participate as a featured artist in a metal art show and sale at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum in Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

"The venue is an important provincial transportation museum and my use of found metal parts and pieces in my sculpture fit into their criteria for the show," Baker said. "My participation provided a great opportunity for me to extend my work into the Alberta art scene and explore future possibilities."

The Touring Artist Fund fosters the development of the arts by supporting literary, visual and performing artists, ensembles, and companies to present their work publicly at professionally curated national or international exhibitions, concerts, festivals, or showcases.

There are four intake deadlines a year on the 15th of March, June, September and December.

Learn more:

Information about Yukon arts funding programs at: http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/arts_funding.html

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See backgrounder below.

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Backgrounder – September 15 intake recipients

| Applicant | Project | Amount |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Donald Watt and Michael Lane | To compete and exhibit snow sculpting in Italy, Sweden, USA and Canada | \$7000 |
| Gordie Tentrees | To perform with Fabian Brooks and Aiden Tentrees at the Walk About Festival in the Netherlands and tour six other European countries | \$7000 |
| Gwaandak Theatre Society | To perform The Hours That Remain at the 2014 Talking Stick Festival in Vancouver | \$7000 |
| Paul Baker | To exhibit sculptures at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum and meet two Alberta gallery representatives | \$2000 |
| Suzanne Paleczny | To exhibit as a finalist for the Kingston Prize Portrait competition in Gananoque, ON and Calgary, AB | \$1000 |
| | Total | \$24,000 |

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