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New Works exhibition opening launches Yukon Culture Days

WHITEHORSE—An exhibition called *New Works: recent acquisitions from the Yukon Permanent Art Collection* is launching Culture Days and Doors Open, a three-day celebration of culture with events in several Yukon communities from September 27 to 29.

"The exhibition of new works is a great way to kick off a weekend of culture in Yukon," Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon said. "I invite citizens to attend the launch, enjoy the art work and spend the weekend exploring our diverse historical, heritage and arts communities."

The *New Works* exhibition includes eight pieces selected by the Friends of the Gallery through a call for submissions process. The selected artwork will be on display at the main government administration building for the winter.

Culture Days includes a number of free events such as film screenings, art tours and performances. The event is organized by the Yukon Arts Centre with participation from a number of community partners.

"Culture Days started in Montréal and has grown into a nationwide celebration of our arts and culture," Yukon Arts Centre chief executive officer Al Cushing said. "It is fitting to start things off by celebrating the fact that we live in a territory that recognizes the value of our artists year-round and invests in ensuring, through the permanent collection, that all Yukoners can experience and share the incredible visual art created here. Come out this weekend to touch our creative soul."

This year in Yukon, Culture Days is combined with Doors Open—organized by the Yukon Historical and Museums Association—a three-day event of open houses hosted by community and cultural organizations, businesses and government agencies.

The opening of the *New Works* exhibit and launch of the three-day celebration takes place on Friday, September 27 at 2 p.m. in the foyer of the Government of Yukon main administration building on 2nd Avenue in Whitehorse.

For more information about the permanent art collection, recent acquisitions and Yukon government's participation in Culture Days visit www.tc.gov.yk.ca. For more information on Culture Days Yukon visit www.yt.culturedays.ca.

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Backgrounder: Artwork featured in the *New Works* exhibit

Title of work	Artist	Art medium
<i>The Lobster Trap</i>	Joyce Majiski	Mixed media
<i>Sea to Mountain Trade Route Traveler's Robe and Woven Hat</i>	Heather Callaghan	Fibre art
<i>Knowledge Keeper – Wise Man</i>	Dennis Shorty	Carving
<i>Mt. Macdonald, Snake River, Yukon</i>	Stephanie Ryan	Painting
<i>Trillium Series #11</i>	Don Weir	Painting
<i>Winter Beard</i>	Suzanne Paleczny	Painting
<i>Ghosts of the Forest</i>	Simon Gilpin	Painting
<i>Hän Singing Doll</i>	Dolores Scheffen	Beadwork

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