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## **Funding programs expand opportunity for arts in Yukon**

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government has announced that twelve recipients will share approximately \$98,000 of support from the Arts Fund and Touring Artist Fund.

"Through its funding programs the Yukon government is proud to support touring opportunities for Yukon artists as well as projects that encourage public participation in the arts here at home," Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon said. "Yukoners enjoy community arts events, while audiences outside the territory enjoy the creativity of our talented touring artists."

Eleven group projects that foster creative development and enhance local public participation of the arts in Yukon will receive funding through the Arts Fund. The Moosehide Cultural Society is receiving \$10,000 from the Arts Fund for the 2014 Moosehide Gathering, a biennial celebration of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (Hän) culture and tradition.

"By bringing together people from Dawson, the Yukon and beyond the territory's borders, the Gathering allows for the sharing of both traditional and contemporary First Nations arts and culture," Moosehide Gathering coordinator Tyla Crowe said. "Music, dance and stories create deeply significant moments of interchange between elders and youth, native and non-native individuals, and multiple First Nations. This takes on a deep cultural significance for the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in community."

Touring Artist Fund support has been awarded to one successful applicant. Whitehorse musician Daniel Ashley is receiving \$7,333 to tour Canada and the U.S. with musicians Duncan Smith and Nick Middleton of The Funk Hunters.

"The goal of the tour is to launch my new solo brand DASH, increase my national and international exposure and create more opportunities for myself as an independent performing artist based in Yukon," Ashley said. "My collaboration with The Funk Hunters is giving me a whole new level of performance expertise and enhancing my multi-platform musical skills."

### **Learn more**

Visit the Touring Artist Fund website.  
Visit the Arts Fund website.

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### Background:

The Arts Fund supports projects from arts collectives, organizations and industry association that foster the development of the arts in Yukon communities.

The Touring Artist Fund supports literary, visual and performing artists, ensembles and companies in presenting their work at professionally curated exhibitions, concerts, festivals or showcases.

There are four application deadlines per year for the Arts Fund and Touring Artist Fund: March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15.

### Arts Fund recipients – March 2014

Recipient	Project	Amount
Plein Air Collective	Yukon Plein Air Art Festival 2014	\$15,684
Extremely Moving Youth Society	A mentorship program in film and dance	12,920
Open Pit Performance League	The Verbatim Project - documentary theatre script development	12,000
Ted Harrison Artist Retreat Society	Artist residencies at Ted Harrison Artist Retreat	11,000
Moosehide Cultural Society	Moosehide Gathering 2014	10,000
Lorne Mountain Community Association	Autumn art events series	7,280
Whitehorse Photography Club	Whitehorse Photography Club fall workshop	6,750
Selkirk First Nation	Live art project at Big Jonathan House Heritage Centre	6,000
Friends of the Dempster Country Society	Art Magic in Tombstone	5,500
First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun	Activities for Aboriginal Day celebration	2,000
Tagish Community Association	Instruction and swing dance in Tagish	1,260

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$90,394</b>
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### Touring Artist Fund recipient – March 2014

Applicant	Project	Amount
Daniel Ashley	Daniel Ashley performs as a solo artist at national and international venues.	\$7,333.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,333.00</b>

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