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## **Arts Fund helps community organizations grow appreciation for the arts**

WHITEHORSE—Fifteen projects are sharing \$221,278 through the Government of Yukon Arts Fund to further art appreciation in Yukon communities.

"The Arts Fund enables organizations across all Yukon communities to present art activities that expand cultural appreciation," Minister of Tourism and Culture Mike Nixon said. "These projects will encourage the professional growth of artists and give audiences new ways of looking at art."

Ynklude Art Society is receiving \$21,060 to develop and present a multimedia stage production with the support of its members that includes professional and emerging artists. The theme of the production is living with a person who lives with a disability.

"We are extremely proud of our diverse membership which ranges in age from youth to seniors," Ynklude executive director Julie Robinson said. "We enjoy bringing homegrown productions to our local community that offer insights into what inspires us while helping to educate and entertain and give audiences new ways to appreciate the arts."

The Town of Watson Lake is receiving \$15,000 to present Arts in the Park from June to September. The community will enjoy live performances by local musicians.

"We're grateful for the opportunity to bring local talent together in one place for youth, families and visitors to enjoy," Arts in the Park program manager Meaghen Kimmitt said. "We're also excited to carry on programming again this year that encourages healthy hobbies and lifestyles."

The Arts Fund supports projects that foster the development of the arts in Yukon communities. The next application deadline is March 17.

### **Learn more**

Government of Yukon funding and awards opportunities: [www.tc.gov.yk.ca/arts\\_funding.html](http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/arts_funding.html)

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### Backgrounder – Arts Fund, December 16, 2013 Recipients

Applicant	Project description	Amount funded
Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association	Adäka Cultural Festival 2014	\$40,000
Breakdancing Yukon Society	An urban dance project with mentorship in dance, choreography, film and music	\$33,000
Music Yukon	Arts in the Park 2014 in Whitehorse	\$28,000
Ynklude Art Society	Develop and present a multimedia stage production with the theme of living with a person living with a disability	\$21,060
Yukon Summer Music Camp Society	Yukon Summer Music Camp	\$21,000
Dawson City Community Library Board	Dawson Daily News Print and Publishing Symposium 2014	\$18,885
Town of Watson Lake	Arts in the Park in Watson Lake	\$15,000
Literary Society of the Klondike	Develop an anthology of fictional and non-fictional stories reflecting Dawson City	\$10,696
Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre	Northern Athapaskan beading exhibition	\$9,400
Yukon Queer Film Alliance	OUT North Film Festival 2014	\$6,636
Bringing Youth Towards Equality	Battle of the Bands 2014	\$4,000
Yukon Conservation Society	Public art events exploring Miles Canyon and Canyon City	\$4,000
Ross River Dena Council	Fiddle residencies to support Kaska Dena Fiddle Group	\$3,923
Justine Hobbs and Nicole Rayburn	Video art exhibition to run concurrently with the Dawson City International Short Film Festival	\$3,218
Anvil Range Arts Society	Summer arts festival in Faro including artist workshops and demos	\$2,460

	<b>Total: \$221,278</b>
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