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## **Yukon's Northern Scene artists featured in kickoff event**

WHITEHORSE—Yukoners are invited to participate in a send-off celebration featuring Yukon artists who will be participating in Northern Scene, a 10-day festival April 25 to May 4 in Ottawa showcasing 250 artists from Canada's North. Many of the 80 Yukon artists will be in attendance, along with Tourism and Culture Minister Mike Nixon.

"Participation in Northern Scene is part of Yukon government's commitment to support artists showcasing their work outside the territory," Nixon said. "The festival is a great opportunity to raise awareness of Yukon culture and inspire national audiences to discover more of our unique region of Canada."

The send-off will be held on Thursday, April 18 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Old Fire Hall and will be broadcast live on CBC North's Midday Café. The broadcast will feature interviews and performances from some of the artists participating in the Northern Scene festival.

The Government of Yukon and the governments of Northwest Territories and Nunavut are each contributing \$200,000 to help stage Northern Scene, which is produced by the National Arts Centre. It is the sixth in a series of biennial festivals focusing on artistic excellence in each of Canada's regions.

"We invite Yukoners to come down to the Old Fire Hall to enjoy some performances, hear some interviews and help give our artists an enthusiastic send-off," Nixon added.

For more information on Yukon artists participating in Northern Scene visit [www.tc.gov.yk.ca](http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca).

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