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Community art projects reflect Yukon's cultural diversity

WHITEHORSE—Yukon Arts Fund is supporting nine diverse community projects, including familiar favourites and innovative new programs, to engage audiences and support artistic development.

"This round of projects really reflects the diversity of Yukon culture," Tourism and Culture Minister Mike Nixon said. "These nine projects will give Yukoners many varied opportunities to enjoy dance, music, theatre, film and other art forms, both as audiences and participants."

The December 2012 Arts Fund intake provided a total of \$98,164 for community-oriented cultural projects taking place this spring and summer.

Breakdancing Yukon Society (BYS) is receiving \$21,000 for a collaborative street dance project involving established and emerging local artists and visiting professionals.

"Yukon's burgeoning hip-hop community is constantly exploring new developments and taking its performances to the next level," BYS artistic director Andrea Simpson-Fowler said. "With this project we'll take street dance into the theatre to create a full-length piece using the raw, energetic vocabulary of street styles to express ideas and tell stories. The project is also the first step in developing a local professional dance company."

Yukon Music Camp Society is also receiving \$21,000 to stage its 26th annual summer camp.

"The camp provides high quality music education to hundreds of participants who are encouraged to have fun while learning new skills," camp coordinator Lori LaRochelle said. "The camp provides inspiration and enjoyment to a wide array of musicians from preschoolers to grandmothers, choristers to rockers."

The Arts Fund is available to art collectives, organizations, industry associations and other eligible groups for projects related to the literary, visual or performing arts. There are four application intakes per year: March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15.

For more information on arts funding opportunities, visit www.tc.gov.yk.ca.

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Arts Fund recipients for the December 15, 2012 intake

	Artist name	Project name	Amount
1	Breakdancing Yukon Society	BYS Collaborative Street Dance Creation Project	\$21,000
2	Yukon Music Camp Society	Yukon Summer Music Camp	\$21,000
3	Music Yukon	Arts in the Park 2013	\$20,000
4	Yukon Film Society	Grubstake Revisited National Tour	\$10,000
5	Ramshackle Theatre	Sci-Fi Double Feature	\$9,600
6	Yukon Queer Film Alliance	Out North Queer Film Festival	\$5,746
7	Yukon West Indies Cultural Society	Caribbean Youth Festival of Creative Arts	\$5,000
8	Anvil Range Arts Society (ARAS)	ARAS Fun Fest 2013	\$3,150
9	Cold Cuts Video Festival	Cold Cuts Video Festival	\$2,668
Totals			\$98,164

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