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Arts Fund assists Yukon community projects

WHITEHORSE – The Department of Tourism and Culture is pleased to allocate \$228,650 to 16 community organizations in support of arts development and programming.

"As was demonstrated by artists and audiences at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics, the arts promote great pride in Yukoners by helping define who we are and celebrating where we come from," Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor said. "Through the Arts Fund and other programs, the Yukon government is pleased to continue to invest in projects that engage people, animate communities and build capacity."

The Fiddle Kids Organization is one group benefiting from the Arts Fund. In a multi-disciplinary project involving four elements, the Organization will be offering a music camp; touring the Fiddleheads to Yukon venues; creating a theatrical production for 2010; and preparing another theatrical production for 2011.

"We are thrilled to get support from the Arts Fund," Fiddle Kids Organization director Bob Kuiper said. "This funding will allow us to expand our programs to develop artistic skills in music, fiddling, dance, performance and theatre. We will especially be reaching out to youth, and will be welcoming all members of the community to join in and participate."

Other initiatives funded include workshops and artist demonstrations at the seventh annual Sheep and Crane Festival in Faro; staging the 20th Moosehide Gathering celebrations; and a youth forum hosted by Breakdancing Yukon Society.

The Arts Fund is an application-driven program for group projects that foster the development of the arts in Yukon. Applications are accepted four times a year and are assessed by the Yukon Arts Advisory Council. Applicants are encouraged to contact the fund administrator prior to applying by calling 667-3535 or toll-free 1-800-661-0408, extension 3535 or email artsfund@gov.yk.ca.

The Department of Tourism and Culture contributes more than \$2.7 million annually in support of arts and culture.

For more information on the Arts Fund visit: www.tc.gov.yk.ca/205.html.

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See backgrounder below.

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Arts Fund Recipients December 15, 2009 intake

Applicant	Name of Project	Project Description	Amount Allocated
Fiddle Kids Organization	Fiddle Kids 2010 Season	Theatrical and musical development, production and camp	\$37,000
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Han Nation	Moosehide Gathering 20 anniversary	To celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the original Moosehide Gathering	\$25,000
Donald Watt Collective	Seventh International Snow Sculpture Challenge	Gathering of local, national and international artists to learn, teach and produce art	\$21,000
Breakdancing Yukon Society	National Cypher for Change	A youth forum to bring young breakdancers to Yukon from across Canada	\$19,000
Music Yukon	Arts in the Park	A series of public concerts and visual arts demonstrations presented at LePage Park	\$18,500
Yukon Music Camp Society	Yukon Summer Music Camp 2010	To enhance and promote music skill development for Yukon musicians	\$17,000
Caesar-Preston-Shorty Collective	Group Artist Exchange in Germany	Three artists will travel to Germany for 35 day artist exchange	\$16,000
Gwaandak Theatre Society	Café Daughter	Premiere and tour the stage play Café Daughter by Kenneth T. Williams	\$16,000
Selkirk First Nation	Selkirk First Nation Wellness Carving Project	A carving course for the youth of Pelly Crossing	\$14,000
Longest Night Society	"Alice and Other Heroes" Whitehorse premiere	The first opportunity to experience this stage production bound for the 2010 Cultural Olympiad	\$12,000
Takhini	Takhini Duena	Group of 20 young drummers	\$10,000

Dunena Ali	Ali West Coast Tour	and dancers will tour the west coast of Vancouver Island	
Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	Skookum Jim's 2010 Folklore Show	Annual celebration of First Nation performing artists	\$7,000
Yukon Music Teachers Association	YMTA 2010 Workshop Series	Music workshops and master classes	\$6,400
Yukon International Storytelling Festival	"Light and Shadow" World Storytelling Day	World Storytelling Day event based on theme "Light and Shadow"	\$5,000
Anvil Range Arts Society	Seventh annual Sheep and Crane Festival	Arts and craft workshops and demonstrations during festival	\$2,750
Whitehorse Elementary School Council	Play for children "La machine a beauté"	A play for children in French	\$2,000
	TOTALS:		\$228,650

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