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Touring Artist Fund Sends Yukon Artists Across Canada

WHITEHORSE – Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor announced the Touring Artist Fund is contributing \$46,340 to enable seven projects featuring music, visual artists and dancers to tour Canada.

"The Yukon government values the role that the arts play in Yukon society and are pleased to support a wide range of programs in support of Yukon artists such as through the Touring Artist Fund," Taylor said.

Hungry Hill, Yukon's well known contemporary acoustic bluegrass group, received \$8,665 in the last intake.

"The Touring Artist Fund puts Yukon artists on a more level playing field with artists elsewhere in Canada," Bob Hamilton of Hungry Hill said. "It's a valuable resource, and we're proud to have that in place."

Two other recipients, Breakdancing Yukon Society and First People's Performances, will have the opportunity to attend festivals where they will be able to engage with many similar artists, which is difficult within a smaller population.

The Touring Artist Fund fosters the development of the arts by supporting literary, visual and performing artists, ensembles and companies to present their work publicly at professionally curated national or international exhibitions, concerts, festivals, or showcases. Seven projects were adjudicated for the December 15 intake, with all seven receiving the total or near-total amount of their request.

Applicants are encouraged to consult the fund administrator before applying by calling 667-3535 or 667-8789, toll-free within Yukon at 1-800-661-0408, extension 3535 or 8789 or by emailing artsfund@gov.yk.ca.

The Department of Tourism and Culture contributes more than \$2.7 million annually in support of Yukon arts and culture. For more information about the Touring Artist Fund visit the Department of Tourism and Culture website at www.tc.gov.yk.ca/1108.html.

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List of Touring Artist Fund December 2008 recipients

	Applicant	Project	Amount Allocated
1	Bauberger, Nicole	Nicole Bauberger Spring Tour to showcase artwork in Montreal, Peterborough and Calgary and expanding her market base	4,430
2	Breakdancing Yukon Society	Groundwork Sessions invited to Toronto to participate in a hip-hop showcase and a break-dance battle	9,910
3	First People's Performances	2009 Cultural Olympiad Festival Tour - First People's Performances has been invited to perform at the Weyahanih Coastal First Nations Dance Festival	10,000
4	Hungry Hill	Hungry Hill February 2009 tour throughout Alberta to promote their newest recording Ride	8,865
5	Monika Melnychuk	To participate in the visual art exhibition Cut to the Drummer and to schedule in person meetings with potential clients and organisers of the ICON illustration conference to explore career development options	4,000
6	Charles Stankiech	To present his solo art exhibition and artist talk Plus qu'une surface, less than a volume at University of Laval, CD release and concert in Montreal and several studio visits	2,500
7	Yukon Artists @ Work Cooperative	Reach Gallery in Abbotsford will curate a show in June 2009 featuring the work of 20 artists from the Yukon Artists @ Work collective; eight members will travel to attend the opening, provide artist talks and interactive demos	6,635
		TOTALS:	46,340

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Dakká Kwáan members visited with Minister Elaine Taylor after giving a performance at the recent 'Capturing the Spirit of the 2010 Winter Games' announcement. Dakká Kwáan is currently using their funding to perform at cultural festivals in lower mainland British Columbia.

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