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Yukon's music industry receives sound support

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon's Film & Sound Commission is providing \$18,000 towards the development of six artists' careers through the Yukon Sound Recording Program.

"The sound recording program continues to develop and support Yukon's cultural industries," Economic Development Minister Currie Dixon said. "As a result of this program, more Yukon sound recording artists are expanding their careers and taking their products to new markets."

Brenda Lee Katerenchuk is receiving \$5,000 towards the production of a full-length recording.

"Once the CD is completed, I will embark on a series of performances to alert Yukon fans to the new CD, one which is long overdue," Katerenchuk said. "I also intend to perform at jazz festivals and the CD will support those efforts."

Claire Ness is another successful applicant and will be receiving \$2,000 in funding to produce a professional demo recording.

"I will be shopping this around to festivals and events and I hope to make it part of a full-length album in the future," Ness said. "My music has roots, jazz and blues elements. I am also a comedian, so I have been known to write comic or satirical songs."

The Yukon Sound Recording Program is available to assist with the cost of professional sound and demo recordings. The grants are awarded twice a year with application deadlines of May 1 and November 1.

Learn more:

Yukon Sound Recording Program: <http://www.reelyukon.com/>

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Download high resolution image (Caption: Economic Development Minister Currie Dixon with 13-year-old Emily Ross of Whitehorse, the youngest-ever recipient to date of a Yukon Sound Recording Program grant.)

See backgrounder below.

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Backgrounder:

**Yukon Sound Recording Program Recipients
November 2011 Intake**

Professional Demo Recording Artists (\$2,000):

- Guy Cormier
- Claire Ness
- Ryan McNally
- Lisa Ross (on behalf of her 13-year-old daughter, Emily Ross)

Professional Sound Recording Artists (\$5,000):

- Brenda Lee Katerenchuk
- Declan O'Donovan

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