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Arts Operating Funds support local groups

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government's Arts Operating Funds will provide \$665,990 to support Yukon's music, theatre, dance, visual art and film sectors as well as community festival productions.

"Arts and culture is an important economic generator for Yukon, particularly when the public embraces and supports a new idea or concept," Tourism and Culture Minister Mike Nixon said. "The funding provided by Arts Operating Funds will go toward sustaining and enhancing artistic programming and community participation that will engage Yukoners from many walks of life."

Last year's reporting period showed that groups supported by the Arts Operating Funds earned revenue of more than \$1.3 million and leveraged more than \$1.7 million in other government funding. There were 2,215 people who volunteered more than 45,000 hours to help present 740 events that delighted 54,907 audience attendees.

"Attracting a new audience is a challenge, no matter the art form," Jazz Yukon president Duncan Sinclair said. "Along with creative ideas and good strategy, we need dependable financial support that allows for risk taking. The Yukon Arts Operating Funds have been instrumental in Jazz Yukon's ability to develop the new Jazz in the Hall series at the Old Fire Hall heritage venue. These 'learn, listen and jam' events are engaging a new and diverse audience of all ages, including some as young as nine, along with a host of musicians for the jazz jams."

There are two components to the Yukon government's Arts Operating Funds: the Annual Operating Component provides core funding to non-profit societies with ongoing year-round activities engaged in the literary, visual and/or performing arts; the Annual Project Component provides artistic, production and administration cost support to groups with established annual projects.

For more information about the Arts Operating Funds, go to Funding Programs at www.tc.gov.yk.ca or call 867-667-3535. The annual deadline is February 15.

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List of Recipients for 2012-13 Arts Operating Funds**Annual Operating Component**

Organization	Award
Guild Society	\$92,000
Nakai Theatre Ensemble	70,000
Yukon Art Society	53,000
Dawson City Music Festival Association	45,000
Yukon Film Society	45,000
Whitehorse Concerts	35,000
Junction Arts and Music Society (JAM)	30,000
Gwaandak Theatre Society	28,000
Extremely Moving Youth Society	27,500
Northern Lights School of Dance	27,500
Breakdancing Yukon Society	25,000
Community Choir of Whitehorse	25,000
Jazz Yukon	24,500
All-City Band Society	20,000
Northern Fibres Guild	4,990
Sub-total	\$552,490

Annual Project Component

Organization	Award
Frostbite Music Society: <i>Frostbite Music Festival</i>	\$32,000
Yukon Bluegrass Music Society: <i>Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival and Music Camp</i>	30,000
Blue Feather Music Society: <i>Blue Feather Music Festival</i>	20,000
Association franco-yukonnaise: <i>Arts Presentation Season</i>	15,000
Rotary Club of Whitehorse: <i>Yukon Rotary Music Festival</i>	10,000
Village of Mayo: <i>Mayo Arts Festival</i>	6,500
Sub-total	\$113,500
Grand total \$665,990	

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