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Arts Fund supports community engagement

WHITEHORSE—Fourteen art organizations will share \$149,845 through Yukon's Arts Fund to help develop art appreciation and engagement.

"Celebrating Yukon's unique and diverse cultures by engaging youth, First Nations and community residents in skills development and art appreciation is what the Arts Fund is all about," Tourism and Culture Minister Mike Nixon said. "The groups supported with this recent round of funding show a high level of creativity and thoughtful expression reflective of Yukon's commitment to grow art appreciation across all communities."

Northern Lights School of Dance is receiving \$25,000 to participate and perform at the Dance and the Child International conference in Taipei, Taiwan.

"This event will allow us to integrate Yukon dancers and choreographers with Yukon-based composer Matthew Lien's music and to share it with the rest of the world," Northern Lights School of Dance coordinator Mary Ann Annable said. "The dance summit aims to acknowledge and nurture young people as creators, dancers, performers and spectators. They will perform, take part in workshops and connect with other dancers from around the world in ways that celebrate cultural heritage and encourage cross-cultural understandings."

The Faro Arts and Recreation Association is receiving \$7,500 for its project *Through a Girl's Lens*, a photography camp taught by Vanessa Falle for girls aged 12 to 18, and organized by Girls' Night Out.

"The girls will capture a variety of their own images, exploring the streets and landscapes around Whitehorse," Girls' Night Out coordinator Heather Grantham said. "Vanessa will take a portrait of each girl, and we will then explore issues around positive body image and self-esteem, celebrating each girl's unique, beautiful perspective captured through their images."

Photography skills development, mentorship opportunities and hosting a public gallery of the images captured by each of the girls will be included in the three-day camp.

The Arts Fund supports group projects that foster the creative development of the arts in Yukon and support the principles of the Yukon Arts Policy. Applications can include arts-related projects submitted by arts collectives, organizations, industry associations and all other eligible groups undertaking an activity related to the literary, visual or performing arts in Yukon.

Arts Fund applicants are encouraged to speak with the fund administrator before applying. For information visit the Arts Fund website (tc.gov.yk.ca/af.html) or contact the fund administrator at 867-667-3535 or 1-800-661-0408, extension 3535 or email artsfund@gov.yk.ca.

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See list of funding recipients and photo below.

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Touring Artist Fund

Arts Fund – March 15, 2012 recipients

Applicant	Project	Amount
Northern Lights School of Dance	Participate and perform at Dance and the Child International in Taiwan	\$25,000
Yukon Women in Music	Yukon community tour of concerts and workshops	\$19,000
Extremely Moving Youth Society	Go Brinson Contemporary Dance Summer Intensive	\$18,000
The Varietease Collective	Varietease: A Burlesque Cabaret	\$14,000
Yukon En Plein Air collective	Yukon artists will paint en plein air at five Whitehorse locations	\$12,000
Selkirk First Nation	Live Art Program – showcase Northern Tutchone crafts	\$9,000
Association franco-yukonnaise	Cultural and Artistic Celebrations for St-Jean Baptiste Day in Whitehorse and Dawson	\$8,000
Yarn Bomb Yukon	Knitting for History: Yarn Bombing the DC-3 plane owned by the Transportation Museum	\$8,000
Faro Arts and Recreation Association	Weekend photography workshop for girls	\$7,500
Community Choir of Whitehorse Society	Workshop and Performance in Dawson City	\$7,000
Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	40th Annual Folklore Show, showcases Yukon and Canadian Aboriginal artists	\$7,000
Friends of Dempster	Art Magic in Tombstone - artists and scientists share passion	

Country	for wilderness	\$6,500
Yukon Transportation Museum Society	70th Anniversary of 'The Road': N. Bauberger Exhibit, Talks, & Workshop	\$5,000
Kluane Quilters Guild	Sewing machine and hand applique workshop with international quilt artist	\$3,845
TOTAL:		\$149,845

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