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Arts Fund supports community art engagement

WHITEHORSE—Fourteen arts organizations will share \$126,077 through Yukon's Arts Fund in support of group projects that inspire community engagement through discovery, experience and exploration.

"These group projects bring members of the community together and offer opportunities to learn something new," Tourism and Culture Minister Mike Nixon said. "They help us discover a deeper appreciation for the arts and share in group dynamics that can energize and inspire."

The Yukon Film Society is receiving \$20,000 for *The Grub-Stake Revisited* project. The production will be further refined, rehearsed and presented in Whitehorse in September before travelling to the Edmonton and Vancouver International Film Festivals in October. By spring 2013, the performance will have been presented in Dawson City as well as in Alberta and Ontario.

Project producer Andrew Connors describes the performance as a hilarious collision of Shakespeare and 20th century feminist-adventure cinema under the artistic direction of Daniel Janke. Nell Shipman's 1923 silent film *The Grub-Stake* is set in the Klondike and as the characters appear on-screen they are voiced in Shakespearean dialogue by actors off-stage. Daniel Janke's contemporary music score is performed live by the Longest Night Ensemble.

"This show excels on many levels," Connors said. "It shines a light on an extraordinary piece of cinema history made by a Canadian iconoclast way ahead of her time, features an inter-play between different eras of artistic expression, and showcases the talent and excellence of Yukon musicians, writers, filmmakers and actors for a national audience."

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

The next Arts Fund intake deadline is September 17. Applicants are encouraged to consult with staff before applying. For information visit www.tc.gov.yk.ca/af, call 867-667-3535 or toll-free at 1-800-661-0408, extension 3535 or email artsfund@gov.yk.ca.

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See photo and list of June 2012 recipients below.

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Yukon Arts Fund recipients from June 15, 2012 intake

Applicant	Name of Project	Amount Allocated
Brave New Works Collective	Brave New Works – Fusion	\$22,000
Yukon Film Society	<i>The Grub-Stake Revisited</i> remount and tour	\$20,000
Yukon Educational Theatre	INZANITY Community Events	\$17,000
North Klondyke Highway Music Society	Klondyke Music School	\$13,545
Jazz Yukon Consortium	Dawson City Recording Initiative	\$10,000
Suzuki Strings Association of Yukon	Musical and Professional Development in Suzuki Strings Community	\$9,810
Sing-Along Messiah Collective	Sing-Along Messiah	\$8,000
Dawson City Community Library Board	Print Symposium	\$6,180
Yukon Conservation Society	Painting the Trails	\$4,542
Art-Lequin Association	Théâtre Cabarets-théâtre	\$4,200
Yukon Association for Community Living	Telling Your Story Through Song	\$4,109
Danielle Bonneau Collective	Chantons à plein choeur	\$3,500
Watson Lake Recreation Centre	Hoppin' Mad Lindy Weekend	\$1,841
Yukon Dance Festival Society	Lantern-making workshops	\$1,350
TOTAL:		\$126,077

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