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NWT Arts Council Provides Funding to 70 Artists and Groups

YELLOWKNIFE (August 31, 2010) – In the NWT Arts Council's 25th anniversary year, it announces \$500,000 in funding contributions for NWT artists and groups.

Since its inception in August 1985, the NWT Arts Council has received annual funding from the Government of the Northwest Territories' Department of Education, Culture and Employment to support over 1,000 Northern artists, arts organizations and festivals as they pursue creative activities in all artistic disciplines.

"This funding is part of the GNWT's commitment to the NWT Arts Strategy," said Jackson Lafferty, Minister of Education, Culture and Employment. "The arts are a source of pride for all Northerners and contribute to our territory's unique culture. As Minister, I am very pleased to continue to support the NWT's artists, performers and events."

Seventy artists and groups from across the NWT were awarded funding for projects, including dance, film, storytelling, music, theatre, visual arts and crafts, writing, festivals, presentations, and creative skills development workshops. The list of 2010-2011 contributions is attached.

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NWT Arts Council Funding Recommendations Contributions for Artistic Projects in 2010-2011

AUDIO RECORDING

1. Clark, Kelly Yellowknife

Record a CD of 10 original songs, "Return to Me"

2. Dei, Amanda (The Breakup) Yellowknife

Record a demo CD for the band, "The Breakup"

3. Gillis, Catherine Yellowknife

Record a CD of 10 original songs, "Affliction to the Addiction"

4. Hardisty, Wesley Fort Simpson

Record a demo CD of original and traditional fiddle music

5. Hello Paisley Yellowknife

Record a demo CD for the band, "Hello Paisley"

6. Kikoak, Ricky Tuktoyaktuk

Record a CD of original and traditional songs

7. MacLean, Kerrissa Yellowknife

Record a CD of original music

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8. Nimegeers, Matthew T. Hay River

Record a CD of original songs, "Mystery Man"

9. Oystrek, David Yellowknife

Record a CD collection of holiday stories, "Reindeer Station"

10. Sipos, Dana Yellowknife

Record a CD for the band, "The Bluemoons"

11. Zaidan, Karen Fort Smith

Record a demo CD featuring piano

12. Fort Good Hope EDC Fort Good Hope

Record a CD of traditional K'asho Got'ine drum music

13. Goose, Louie Inuvik

Record a CD featuring 40 years of songs as a "Mackenzie Delta music legend"

CRAFTS

14. Boreal Piece Makers Fort Smith

Coordinate a quilting techniques workshop

15. Great Northern Arts Festival Inuvik

Festival arts workshops and professional development seminars

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16. Kuptana, Robert Paulatuk
Carving project on the theme of residential school experiences
17. Mandeville, Lillian Fort Resolution
Conduct traditional sewing workshops for the community
18. Wilson, James William Aklavik
Carving series depicting wildlife in all four seasons
19. YK Guild of Arts & Crafts Yellowknife
Conduct workshops in pottery, fibre art and woodcarving techniques
20. YK Quilters Guild Yellowknife
Conduct fabric stamping and dyeing workshops
21. Inuvik Native Band / Artsy Fartsy Inuvik
Club
Coordinate workshop program series, "Traditional Arts With a Contemporary Twist"
22. Tulita Learning Centre Tulita
Coordinate traditional Dene arts and crafts course

FILM/MEDIA

23. Benoit, France Yellowknife
Write, direct and distribute a short black and white documentary film

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24. Inuvik Literacy Circle Inuvik

Conduct a three-part video project with students focusing on northern perspectives, "Take it From the Top"

25. Lessard, George Yellowknife

Workshops for artists on use of social media and internet to promote their works

26. MacDougall, Ian Yellowknife

Produce music video with Yellowknife band "Priscilla's Revenge"

27. Reaney, Brent Yellowknife

Photographic project, "Abstract Art From the Northern Air"

28. Silke, Andrew Yellowknife

Produce 2 short music videos with Yellowknife band "The Breakup"

29. Western Arctic Moving Pictures

Coordinate a variety of film and media workshops and host a film festival

PERFORMING-DANCE

30. Crazy Legs Dance Yellowknife

Produce a collaborative performance with original choreography, involving local performers and musicians

31. Scottish Country Dancers Yellowknife

Conduct a Scottish country dance workshop

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PERFORMING-STORYTELLING

39. Borderless Art Movement Yellowknife

Touring arts group will present stories in spoken word, visual arts and music at two NWT festivals

40. Arluk & Mercredi Yellowknife

Develop and showcase a short story as a radio drama, "I count Myself Among Them"

PERFORMING-THEATRE

41. Association Franco-Culturelle de Yellowknife
Yellowknife

Host performances, "Un Anniversaire Qui S'improvise"

42. Classics on Stage Yellowknife Yellowknife

Development and performance of a stage production, "A Letter Home"

43. Glowach, Norm Yellowknife

Development of a stage production, "Anynight, Anytown"

44. Northern Arts & Cultural Centre Yellowknife

Conduct community outreach series of professional development workshops

45. Snowbank Theatre Yellowknife

Production of original northern script, "The Aklavik Journals"

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VISUAL ARTS

46. Aubrey, Marie Christine Fort Smith

Attend professional development training in fibre arts

47. Aurora Arts Society Yellowknife

Coordination of professional development workshops for the creation, production and presentation of local art in collaboration with other arts groups

48. Boudreau, Diane Yellowknife

Conduct mural workshops for youth in four different NWT communities

49. Fort Smith Photo Fort Smith

Conduct digital photography workshop series

50. Frozen Eyes Photo Yellowknife

Conduct photography workshops for youth in eight NWT communities

51. Gardner, Jazmine Yellowknife

Create a silkscreen/oil painting series, "Water and Our Bodies"

52. Jewell, Melanie Fort Smith

Showcase series of drawings on wood panels, "Repertoire of Daydreams"

53. Kruger, Natacha Hay River

Showcase a painting series, "A Year's Work, Inspired by the NWT"

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54. Mary Kaeser Library Fort Smith

Host workshop on altered books, "Pockets of Lucidity"

55. Northern Life Museum Fort Smith

Present three high quality art workshops to the public

56. Open Sky Creative Society Fort Simpson

Host workshops at 10th annual multidisciplinary arts festival in Fort Simpson

57. Robert, Monique Yellowknife

Exhibit a painting series on images of the north at Agora Gallery in New York City

58. Yamoza Kue Society Hay River

Conduct workshops for young artists, employing locals artists as mentors

59. Terry Pamplin Yellowknife

Coordinate a collaborative project between visual artist and musicians based on the theme, "What is The Cost of War"

WRITING/PUBLISHING

60. Angik School Paulatuk

Conduct writing and film workshops for the community

61. Becker, Jan Yellowknife

Publish a volume of original poetry

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62. Bromley, Marianne Yellowknife

Attend workshop, "A Passion for Poetry: Learning, Writing and Publishing"

63. Freeman, Randy Yellowknife

Publish a book, "Tales From Down North: Yellowknife"

64. Hurcomb, Fran Yellowknife

Attend four week writer's residency at Banff Centre

65. Nardone, Michael Yellowknife

Attend a month-long writer's workshop to develop the book, "The Ritualites: a Collection of Poems"

66. NorthWords Festival Yellowknife

Conduct workshops, mentorships and discussion panels for writers at all levels

67. Nyysonen, Erika Yellowknife

Publish an illustrated children's book, "Pogo and Gus Go to the Vets"

68. Pokiak, Myrna Yellowknife

Write a story based on personal experiences, "Hunting With Dad"

69. Wallbridge, Garth Yellowknife

Publish a book about the Canol Trail Youth Leadership Hike

70. Sanderson, Alice Yellowknife

Write and present readings from a book, "My Journal"

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