

NWT Arts Council Announces Contributions to Artistic Projects 2004-2005

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YELLOWKNIFE (29 June, 04): The NWT Arts Council has announced their selections for financial contributions to artistic projects for the 2004-2005 funding season.

Each year, the Government of Northwest Territories, Education, Culture and Employment provides \$280,000 through the NWT Arts Council for Northern artists and festivals as they pursue projects designed to support personal and artistic growth.

"Visual arts, the written word, music, film and the new media provide a vital link to our culture and history," said Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, Charles Dent, "The arts provide us with an expression of social commentary, a source of entertainment and for many, a way of life. We are pleased to be able to provide financial support to artists as they follow their passion."

During a recent session, the Council considered 93 applications for financial assistance including performing arts, film, writing, musical arts, visual arts, workshops for various art forms and special artistic projects.

Funds in the amount of \$280,000 were distributed between the 52 selected projects. This year's Arts Council funding recipients come from across the Territories from Holman to Fort Resolution and represent diverse projects from drumming workshops on the land to exploring pigmentation in plastic resins through sculpture.

The 2004-2005 contributions are distributed as per the attached listing.

NWT Arts Council Contributions 2004-2005

PERFORMING

1. Yellowknife Scottish Country Dance Club Yellowknife
Host a weekend workshop in Scottish Country Dancing.
2. Deh Cho Drummers Fort Simpson
Conduct a drumming workshop on the land.
3. NWT Highland Dance Association / Lorna Skinner Yellowknife
Conduct a medal-testing workshop for Highland Dancers.
4. Crazy Legs Contemporary Dance Company Yellowknife
Develop, create and produce four original pieces of choreography for public

presentation.

5. Sylvie Boisclair Yellowknife

Create radio program series entitled "Sékou et Sylvie autour du monde" that allows listeners to travel across 52 countries.

6. Inuinaqtun Theatre Group Holman

Develop and present weekly mini skits, which enhance and promote use of the Inuinaqtun language.

7. Lewis Beck Wrigley

Delivery of the 3rd Annual Kole Crook Fiddle Camp in the Sahtu and Deh Cho Regions.

8. Fort Resolution Metis Council Fort Resolution

Provide fiddle and guitar instruction for local youth.

9. Stuck in a Snowbank Theatre Company Yellowknife

Native Theatre School North 2004: youth theatre training program.

FILM

10. Sam Gamble / Chris Gamble Yellowknife

Production of a feature-length movie "Versus Ivan", written and based in Yellowknife.

11. Western Arctic Moving Pictures Co-op (WAMP) Yellowknife

Conduct two local workshops on the Art of Editing.

12. Paul Gordon Yellowknife

Complete a feature-length screenplay, entitled "Windchill".

13. Association Franco-Culturelle de YK (AFCY) Yellowknife

Perdre Le Nord: complete a documentary /fantasy film about a man lost in the north.

SPECIAL

14. Territorial Writers Association Yellowknife

Writers Conference 2004: "Wired Writing" masterclass workshop.

15. Kirsten Carthew Yellowknife

To attend writers' residency in film at the Canadian Film Centre.

16. Videolinks Club (St. Patrick High School) Yellowknife
Conduct the 5th annual St. Patrick High School Film Festival.

17. Laura F.C. Aubrey / Kevin R. Smith Fort Smith
Creation of "A Northern Child", a multi-media exhibit documenting/cataloging the personal journeys of Northerners becoming parents and raising a child in the Northwest Territories.

WRITING

18. Sherry Landry-Braun Yellowknife
Writing a manuscript about growing up in a small community and adjusting to city life.

19. Sandra Dolan /Lia Ruttan Fort Smith
Co-write a children's book in English and Chipewyan with watercolour illustrations.

20. Jason Watt /Michael Mulherin Tuktoyaktuk /Inuvik
Editing a compilation of local authors' fiction, non-fiction, and poetry works celebrating the anniversary of the Dempster Highway.

21. Dave Johnny Fort Smith
Complete a manuscript about everyday life adventures into a novel for publication.

22. Jenn Sharman Yellowknife
Write a manuscript which analyses the state of the world and discusses the efforts of the current generation to create a better world.

MUSIC

23. Macolm Camsell Hay River
Recording studio time to develop a demo CD of original songs.

24. Greg O'Neill Yellowknife
Recording studio time to develop a demo CD of original songs.

25. Last Night's Hero Yellowknife
Recording studio time to develop a demo CD of original songs.

26. G! Force Yellowknife

Produce a demo recording of original songs for radio airplay or at performance venues.

27. Jay Gilday Yellowknife

Recording studio time to develop a demo CD of original songs.

28. Jaysen Knight Yellowknife

Recording studio time to develop a demo CD of original songs.

29. Kiera Kolson Yellowknife

Recording studio time to develop a demo CD of original songs.

30. Razzamajazz! Inuvik

Recording studio time to develop a demo CD of original songs.

31. Ceilidh Friends Yellowknife

Recording studio time to develop a demo CD of original songs.

32. Mackenzie Pope Hay River

Recording studio time to develop a demo CD of original songs.

33. Chic Callas Yellowknife

Recording studio time to develop a demo CD of original fiddle tunes.

VISUAL

34. Diane Lynn Mercredi Yellowknife

Create art pieces in mixed media which represent high energy or sacred sites in the Yellowknife area.

35. Jordan Martin Yellowknife

Explore the technique of embedded pigment in plastic resins by completing a series of sculptures.

36. Don MacQuarrie Yellowknife

Explore the technique of bronze casting original sculptures.

37. Floyd Grossetete Fort Simpson

Create stone carvings for exhibition at art festivals.

38. Johnny Farcy Fort Providence

Create oil paintings which represent past and present activities in the Deh Cho region.

39. Ronald McKay Fort Resolution

Create a series of original abstract paintings.

40. Rosalee Prentice Hay River

Create large scale oil paintings depicting faces of female elders in the South Slave region.

41. YK Guild of Arts and Crafts Yellowknife

To host internationally renowned British basketmaker Adrian Charlton as instructor at several workshops in Yellowknife.

42. Eli Nasogaluak Yellowknife

Explore the technique of Bronze casting original works which depict northern animals and Inuit people.

43. Alexander Beaudin Yellowknife

Create photographic compositions of houseboat reflections and present as a slide and print exhibition.

44. Tessa McIntosh Yellowknife

Explore digital technology to create photographs of individuals in personalized northern landscapes.

45. Bob Kussy /Goota Ashoona Yellowknife

Study glass art techniques with an accredited instructor and create northern images in glass.

WORKSHOPS

46. Open Sky Festival Fort Simpson

Workshop series including traditional drumming, regional visual arts and fine crafts, theatre and video.

47. Paulatuk Moonlight Drummers & Dancers Paulatuk

Sewing workshop with elders teaching youth how to make traditional drum dance parkas.

48. Folk on the Rocks Yellowknife

Workshop series to provide professional development opportunities for northern performing artists.

49. The Artists of the South Slave Society Fort Smith

Conduct a workshop series focused on traditional and contemporary arts and crafts.

50. Aurora Arts Society Yellowknife

Conduct workshops on "doing art as a spiritual practice" including drawing and watercolour techniques.

51. Lauraine Armstrong Fort Smith

Host a weekend workshop to teach new quilting techniques to interested members of the community.

52. Lucy Simon Jean Marie River

Workshops for community youth on traditional craft techniques including moosehair tufting and porcupine quilting.