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ARTS FUND SUPPORTS 18 ARTS AND CULTURAL PROJECTS

WHITEHORSE – Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor announced today that 18 arts and cultural projects will share \$189,050 provided through the Arts Fund.

“The Arts Fund continues to provide support to worthy artistic projects designed to benefit communities throughout Yukon,” Taylor said.

The Yukon Council on disABILITY is one of the current recipients. The organization was awarded \$16,000 in support of CP Salon – Access to the Arts project. A series of music-driven theatre pieces and workshops will be performed by a trio of classically trained artists with disabilities who challenge “able-centric” notions within the performing arts.

“On behalf of the Yukon Council on disABILITY, we appreciate the support of the Department of Tourism and Culture in assisting us to turn disabilities into abilities,” Kim Hague, Executive Director of the Yukon Council on disABILITY, said. “The funding will aid us in providing quality services and promoting social and economic independence for people with disabilities, and help us to fulfill part of our mandate to educate, inform and give a voice so that barriers become transparent.”

The Arts Fund is an applicant-driven funding program that supports artists and communities in creative endeavors such as festivals, events, training, touring and art creation in all forms. The fund is adjudicated in an arms-length process four times a year by the Yukon Arts Advisory Council.

The next deadline for Arts Fund applications is December 15, 2007. Applicants are encouraged to consult with the program officer before applying by telephoning 667-3535 or emailing artsfund@gov.yk.ca.

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List of September 2007 Arts Fund recipients attached.

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September 2007 Arts Fund Recipients:

	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS	FUNDING AWARDED
1	Alsek Music Festival	<u>Blue Feather Music Festival – Secondary Venues Project</u> To present family and cabaret stages and Sunday programming at the Alsek Music Festival.	\$7,500
2	Arts in Motion	<u>Flamenco Workshop</u> To present a comprehensive Flamenco Dance workshop that will cover technique, choreography, palmas, compass and history.	\$750
3	Association Franco-Yukonnaise	<u>La Culture a Tout Vent</u> To present a series of public arts events in the visual, literary, and performing arts.	\$7,000
4	Barlow, Tentrees, Beggs Collective	<u>North American Folk Alliance Music Conference</u> For Kim Barlow, Gordie Tentrees, and Kim Beggs to attend the North American Folk Alliance music conference to promote their music and network with industry professionals.	\$16,000
5	Beggs, Edelson, Hamilton Collective	<u>Northeast Regional Folk Alliance Conference Showcase</u> For Kim Beggs, Natalie Edelson, and Bob Hamilton to attend Northeast Regional Folk Alliance music conference to promote their music and network with industry professionals.	\$7,000
6	Bringing Youth Towards Equality	<u>10th Annual Yukon Youth Conference</u> To present a 3 day conference in January 2008 for youth from across Yukon, BC, NWT & Nunavut, providing youth with the opportunity to discover the artist within themselves.	\$15,000
7	Caribou River Originals	<u>Timber Rabbits: Page to Stage</u> To workshop and develop a new Yukon play by Joseph Graham and Norm Easton to be ready for the stage.	\$6,000
8	Carmacks Library Board	<u>North Klondyke Highway Children's CD Project</u> To produce a 16 track CD of original songs co-written by young people in Mayo, Carmacks, Pelly Crossing, and Dawson, in collaboration with local songwriter Steve Slade.	\$9,200
9	Dawson City Arts Society	<u>9th Annual Dawson City International Short Film Festival</u> To present the 8 th Annual Dawson City International Short Film Festival – screenings, workshops, panel discussions and special events.	\$20,000
10	Frostbite Music Society	<u>Haines Junction and Dawson City Tour</u> A tour with Carolyn Mark, NQ Arbuckle, Rochelle van Zanten, and a selected Yukon group to bring a performance tour to Haines Junction and Dawson.	\$9,000
11	Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon	<u>The Filmmaker in You</u> To present a film production project for youth with	\$3,300

		learning disabilities.	
12	Suzuki Strings Association Yukon	<u>Suzuki String Camp and Mentorship Program</u> To foster Suzuki education for young musicians and families with a three day camp and mentorship program that supports the Yukon music community.	\$5,000
13	Yukon Bluegrass Music Society	<u>Kluane Bluegrass Music Camp 2008</u> A three day camp for beginner to advanced guitar, mandolin, fiddle, banjo, and bass players in rural Yukon.	\$10,500
14	Yukon Bluegrass Music Society	<u>Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival</u> To present a festival that will showcase professional bluegrass bands and regional bands with workshops and performances.	\$11,800
15	Yukon Conservation Society	<u>Stories for Change</u> To facilitate, through a series of workshops, the creation of two original songs, artwork, and stories by Yukon school children for use in an on-line interactive environmental story book called <i>Stories for Change</i> .	\$17,400
16	Yukon Council on disABILITY	<u>CP Salon – Access to the Arts</u> Music-driven theatre pieces and workshops by classically trained artists that challenge “able-centric” notions within the performing arts.	\$16,000
17	Yukon Educational Theatre Society	<u>Inzanity! Community Celebration Projects</u> To produce two annual community celebration events – <i>Burning Away the Winter Blues</i> and <i>A Celebration of the Harvest</i> – that build community through ritual and folk arts.	\$10,000
18	Yukon Women in Music	<u>Compilation CD</u> To record, produce, and manufacture a compilation CD of original music written and performed by diverse Yukon women, produced by a female artist with professional production credits who will provide mentorship and training to participants.	\$17,600
		TOTAL:	\$189,050