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FILMMAKERS FUNDING SUPPORTS FOUR UNIQUE YUKON FILM PROJECTS

WHITEHORSE- Four Yukon film projects received \$14,977 in financial support from the Yukon Filmmakers Fund. This funding supports filmmakers from the development stages to the production and post-production stages of filmmaking.

“This government believes in supporting the continued growth of the film and sound recording industries,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. “Supporting Yukon filmmakers is one key element in maintaining strong business and cultural industries in the Yukon.”

Jay White has been awarded \$5,000 for his short animated film *The Perfect Detonator*. Through his film, White encourages the audience to question their existence and to think globally with respect to their everyday actions.

“With the help of the Yukon Filmmakers Fund, I have been able to create a higher quality product and to reach a new level,” White said. “The filmmakers fund has enabled me to work with other professionals and has been a stepping stone toward the creation of my own production company.”

Paul Davis was awarded \$3,500 for the docu-comedy *Minus 40*. This short film on biking to work in -40 degrees explores the challenges of life in the extreme cold and winter darkness of the North.

“*Minus 40* is a project that many northerners can relate to,” Davis said. “The support of the Film & Sound Commission has allowed us to provide English and Norwegian subtitling on this French language film. The film will be shown at the Dawson International Short Film Festival and the 2008 Tromsø International Film Festival in Norway.”

The purpose of the Yukon Filmmakers Fund is to provide funding to Yukon film and video professionals to assist them in developing viable careers, businesses making films and videos for broadcast or commercial release.

The Yukon Filmmakers Fund is awarded twice each year, in June and in December, to eligible Yukon filmmakers who submit proposals. The projects are reviewed by a jury of film-industry peers, using established criteria focused on projects that demonstrate a likelihood of success.

The next Yukon Filmmakers Fund deadline is June 1. Learn more by visiting the Yukon Film & Sound Commission website, www.reelyukon.com.

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Attached Backgrounder: Filmmakers Fund Award Recipients

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BACKGROUND: FILMMAKERS FUND AWARD RECIPIENTS

Jay White received up to \$5,000 to complete work on the short animation *The Perfect Detonator*.

Paul Davis received up to \$3,500 to produce and post-produce the short film *Minus 40*.

Andy Connors and Chris Beacom received up to \$2,477 for research toward the feature film project *Sheslay Free Mike*.

Angela Walkley received up to \$4,000 for research toward the documentary film *Teach Us to Fish*.