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FOURTEEN LOCAL ARTISTS RECEIVE ADVANCED ARTIST AWARDS

WHITEHORSE – Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor has announced that 14 Yukon artists will share \$40,000 in Advanced Artist Awards to assist with their artistic development.

“The Yukon government is pleased to support the continuing development of artists who have specialized training and want to further improve their level of artistic expression,” Taylor said. “Our artists play a significant role in shaping the rich cultural fabric of Yukon and help define who we are as Yukoners. We value their role and the contributions they make.”

The Advanced Artist Award program is funded by Lotteries Yukon and is administered by the Department of Tourism and Culture. The program is assessed using the peer review process. Jury members for the spring intake were Sharon Shorty, Andrew Connors, Clea Ainsworth, Ken Anderson and B.J. Maclean.

One of the recipients to receive funding is the band Nemesis, awarded \$2,000 to attend and perform in the 2007 B.C. Metal Show in Port Alberni, British Columbia this July. Nemesis was invited as a representative of heavy metal in Northern Canada.

Nemesis was formed in 2001. They have recorded three albums and have played numerous festivals, private gigs and bar shows throughout Yukon.

“Nemesis is very grateful to have received the Advanced Artist Award. It has always been a goal of ours to tour B.C. and this award is going to play a major role in helping us realize that dream,” Yves Paradis of Nemesis said. “We hope to make the Yukon proud and we will endeavour to put on our best show each and every night.”

For information on the Advanced Artist Awards contact the Department of Tourism and Culture, Cultural Services branch at (867) 667-3535 or toll free in the communities: 1-800-661-0408, ext. 3535.

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Attachment: List of Spring 2007 Advanced Artist Award Recipients

Note: If media wish to contact recipients about their projects, please contact Alicia Debrececi first.

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SPRING 2007 ADVANCED ARTIST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Applicant	Project Name and Description	Allocated
Nemesis	to attend and perform in the 2007 B.C. Metal Show	\$2,000
Scotch	to record a six song collection of original material	\$2,500
Charlie Wilson & Craig Marcuk	to attend folk music summer school in Cambridgeshire, England, and study Irish flute, whistle, bouzouki and guitar	\$2,060
Daniel Janke	to have an original score of music professionally prepared and copied	\$1,570
Kim Beggs	to devote six months towards songwriting and composition	\$4,000
Brian Fidler	to rehearse and develop an original play and present it at the Summerworks Festival in Toronto	\$4,000
Cheryl Rivest	to do an advanced study in metal work on the adaptation of visual images to chasing and repousse technique	\$2,500
Sheila Alexandrovich	to create a body of work based on the three-dimensional use of felt	\$4,500
Nicole Bauberger	to create a body of paintings and drawings in installation groupings for a solo show in Montreal	\$3,000
Neil Graham	to create an exhibition size series of paintings and drawings with an accompanying soundscape	\$4,500
Ukjese van Kampen	to research and prepare papers for publication on Early South-Central Yukon First Nations art and Tutchone history	\$1,570
Patti Flather	to develop and workshop an original play at the Playwrights Theatre Centre in Vancouver	\$4,500
Erling Friis-Baastad	to travel to Spain to attend an artist's residency program	\$1,800
Roy Ness	to research Yukon locations for an upcoming novel	\$1,500

TOTAL: \$40,000