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**ARTS FUND SUPPORTS ELEVEN MORE PROJECTS**

WHITEHORSE – Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor today announced that the fourth 2006-07 Arts Fund intake has resulted in 11 community groups and arts collectives sharing \$116,300 in funding.

“Many projects are delivered by collectives, First Nations, community groups and youth organizations in addition to established arts groups,” Taylor said. “The Yukon government is pleased to note that the number of projects submitted to the Arts Fund continues to increase each year, confirming genuine interest and support for this important funding made available to our arts and cultural community.”

The March 2007 Arts Fund intake received 15 applications, with requests totalling approximately \$258,000. Designed to assist with arts development, the Arts Fund also supports touring for professional artists to reach regional, national and international audiences.

The Lorne Mountain Community Association received \$3,500 towards the Sunshine Summer Dance Season that highlights local young musicians and performers.

"The Lorne Mountain Community Association is a well established association with a proven track record of hosting community events that focus on promoting local music, art, sport and economic development," Lorne Mountain Community Association President Sheila Alexandrovich said. "With a strong volunteer base and successful partnerships with other not-for-profit groups, we are able to present outdoor performances in conjunction with our community centre. The Arts Fund assistance enables many programming projects to move forward, taking advantage of the performance pavilion put up last year."

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 four times a year by the Yukon Arts Advisory Council in an arms-length process.

In 2006-07, a total of 55 projects in 11 Yukon communities shared \$519,600 in funding.

Applicants are encouraged to consult with the program officer before applying. For more information about the Arts Fund, phone 667-3535 or e-mail [artsfund@gov.yk.ca](mailto:artsfund@gov.yk.ca).

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Attachment: List of March 2007 Arts Fund recipients

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**Attachment: March 2007 Arts Fund Recipients**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>
Breakdancing Yukon	Emerging Artist Development Program to assist youth with personal and professional career development in dance	20,000
Dawson City Arts Society	Special Programs which include the annual Yukon Riverside Arts Festival, Summer Art Camp for Kids and Youth Art Enrichment program	30,000
Klondyke Fiddle School Collective	2007 Klondyke Fiddle School aimed at teaching beginning adult and children fiddle lessons, piano, guitar and song writing with community concerts held during Discovery Days weekend	4,500
Lorne Mountain Community Association	Sunshine Summer Dance Season at Mt. Lorne: A series of summer community dances that highlights local young musicians and performers	3,500
Sour Brides Theatre Society	Production of So Many Doors, a play by Celia McBride to be presented locally in September while fostering opportunities for future touring in Canada	17,500
Ted Harrison Artist Retreat Society	Community Outreach Program 2007/2008 providing opportunities for artists staying at the Ted Harrison Artist Retreat to present educational public arts presentations through artists talks, exhibitions, and workshops	6,000
Village of Mayo	The village will host the 2007 Mayo Arts Festival in partnership with Fly-By-Night Running Club, celebrating local artists and their work at the festival through public demonstrations	3,800
Way Up Here Collective	Way Up Here Dance Residency and Filmmaker Training Project: A project that encompasses dance training, mentorship, and professional development for Yukon dance and theatre students and professionals.	10,000
Yukon Association for Community Living	Ynklude – Women’s Voices: A collaboration focused on grassroots development of a theatrical creation by people living with or affected by disabilities	8,000
Yukon Film Society	Picturing the Yukon: Yukon Films on Tour 2007: A ten-week summer screening series to showcase films, filmmakers and media artworks by Yukoners and non-Yukoners	8,000
Yukon International Storytelling Festival	20th Anniversary Olonkho Project: A three-day performance of the creation tale by indigenous Yakutsk residents of the Sakha Republic; five artists will tour from Whitehorse to Dawson City and Atlin to perform and host workshops	5,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$116,300</b>