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DECEMBER 2005 ARTS FUND SUPPORTS 22 CULTURAL PROJECTS

WHITEHORSE – The Arts Fund is contributing a total of \$200,197 to 22 projects that address the creative development of the arts in the Yukon, announced Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor. The Dec. 15, 2005 intake received 27 applications in total with requests totalling approx. \$335,000.

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

The Yukon Aboriginal Artists Collective received \$7,197 in support of the 2006 Yukon/NWT Aboriginal Craft and Fashion Show. The workshops and craft sales run during Rendezvous weekend.

“The Yukon Aboriginal Artists Collective is pleased and grateful to receive government funding in support of our project,” event coordinator Deb Jutra said. “The 2006 Yukon/NWT Aboriginal Craft and Fashion Show will be an exciting cross-border event, bringing artists, artisans and First Nations together to showcase aboriginal arts, crafts and fashion. It will also offer economic opportunities to a very talented group of people while promoting and preserving rich northern culture and heritage.”

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 2005, the Arts Fund supported 83 per cent of the applications submitted for funding, receiving 64 requests in total and funding 53 projects.

The next deadline for Arts Fund applications is March 15. Applicants are asked to consult with the program officer before applying by phoning 667-3535 or e-mailing artsfund@gov.yk.ca.

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ATTACHMENT: List of Arts Fund December 2005 recipients.

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ATTACHMENT: ARTS FUND DECEMBER 2005 RECIPIENTS

	Applicant	Name of Project	Description	Amount Allocated
1	Artsnet Society	Artsnet Magazine 2006	For the production of a full-colour Yukon arts and culture magazine	5,000.00
2	Bringing Youth Towards Equality (BYTE)	<i>Out Loud</i> showcase of youth artists	For <i>Out Loud</i> , a one-week celebration of youth artists, musicians and writers	2,500.00
3	Canadian Snow Carving Team Collective	Canadian Snow Carving Team Tour 2006	For a tour of four international juried snow sculpture competitions	5,000.00
4	Champagne and Aishihik First Nation	Traditional Arts and Skills Training Project	For four traditional art workshops in the community of Haines Junction	6,000.00
5	Criminal Genius Collective	Theatre production of <i>Criminal Genius</i>	For a full production and public presentation of the play <i>Criminal Genius</i> with guest director Libby Mason	10,000.00
6	Dawson City Arts Society	Odd Gallery exhibitions and McCauley Artists' Residency series	For exhibitions and residencies with a focus on the realization of artists' projects	27,000.00
7	Kluane First Nation	A series of traditional art workshops	For a series of traditional art workshops	9,000.00
8	LINK Dance Foundation	<i>Dancing in the Streets</i> 2006	For a presentation series using performances in public spaces to expand audience for dance	8,000.00
9	Najakhel Arts Collective	Traditional art workshop - Babiche Bag Making	For a traditional art workshop to learn the art of babiche bag making	7,500.00
10	Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	The 2006 Skookum Jim Folklore Show	For a production showcasing locally and nationally recognized First Nation performing artists	7,000.00
11	Society for Education and Culture	Artist Series 2006	For a series of arts events and performances presented in Haines Junction	15,000.00
12	Sour Brides Theatre Society	A theatre production of <i>Trout Stanley</i>	For a professional theatre co-production between Sour Brides Theatre and the Guild Society of the play <i>Trout Stanley</i>	7,500.00
13	Studio Gallery Association	The Shipyards Park Willow Project	For the creation of a large, public space sculptural art project made from locally gathered willow	5,000.00
14	Suzuki Strings Association	Suzuki Winter Fiddle Camp	For a three-day winter music camp dedicated to the fiddling tradition including various instruments for children and adults.	1,500.00

15	Tuktu Studio and Yukon Art Society	A series of 4 printmaking workshops	For a series of four weekend printmaking workshops with master printers	5,000.00
16	Yukon Aboriginal Artists Collective	2006 Yukon/NWT Aboriginal Craft and Fashion Show	For a pan-northern craft showcase and sale, workshops and fashion show featuring the work of First Nation artisans	7,197.00
17	Yukon Art Society	Arts in the Park 2006	For a 12-week public presentation of free performances and visual arts demonstrations in downtown Whitehorse	16,000.00
18	Yukon Bluegrass Music Society	Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival and Music Camp	For a three-day music festival and two-day bluegrass music camp in Haines Junction	15,000.00
19	Yukon Educational Theatre	<i>Inzanity!</i> Community Celebration Projects	For two annual community celebration events - <i>Burning Away the Winter Blues</i> and <i>A Celebration of the Harvest</i> - to build community through ritual and folk arts	5,000.00
20	Yukon Film Society	<i>Picturing the Yukon</i> film series and Spring Workshop Series 2006	For <i>Picturing the Yukon</i> , a 12-week summer series presenting Yukon films, screened weekly in five Yukon communities	15,000.00
21	Yukon International Storytelling Festival	<i>Deus ex Machina</i> contemporary storytelling tour	For a contemporary multi-disciplinary tour of national storytelling artists, performing and workshops in Yukon communities	6,000.00
22	Yukon Music Camp Society	20th Anniversary Summer Music Camp 2006	A summer music camp that offers high calibre instruction in a variety of musical disciplines to all ages and skill levels	15,000.00
TOTAL:				\$200,197.00