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GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS CULTURAL PROJECTS THROUGH ARTS FUND

WHITEHORSE – Elaine Taylor, Minister of Tourism and Culture, announced today that the Arts Fund is contributing \$92,700 to eight projects that address the creative development of the arts in the Yukon.

“The variety of project applications demonstrates the commitment Yukoners share for the arts, and how their participation impacts the arts in unique and meaningful ways,” Taylor said.

“The Arts Fund continues to support many different arts sectors – music, dance, literary, performing arts, visual arts, storytelling and film.”

Arts Fund applications are reviewed at arms length from government by the Yukon Arts Advisory Council.

The council reviewed eight applications requesting more than \$131,000 in funding for the March 2005 intake.

The next deadline for applications is June 15, 2005. Applicants are asked to consult with the program officer before applying.

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List of recipients attached.

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Arts Fund March 2005 Successful Recipients:

	APPLICANT	NAME OF PROJECT	FUNDING ALLOCATION
1	Artsnet Society	Artsnet Magazine	\$5,000.00
2	Dawson City Arts Society	KIAC 2005 Special Programmes	\$30,000.00
3	Dawson Community Co-operative Fiddlers	Music lessons and orchestra group	\$2,200.00
4	Longest Night Society	Production of <i>Time Pieces</i>	\$13,500.00
5	Society for Education and Culture	Artists Series 2005	\$14,000.00
6	Society for Yukon Artists of Native Ancestry (SYANA)	Production of <i>The Giant Owl Story</i>	\$13,000.00
7	Surfing Blue Theatre Collective	Re-mount of <i>Surfing Blue</i> production	\$10,000.00
8	Watson Lake Music Festival Society	Youth Fest 2005	\$5,000.00
		TOTALS:	\$92,700.00