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ADVANCED ARTIST AWARD SUPPORTS LOCAL ARTISTS

WHITEHORSE – Funding for advanced Yukon artists will be provided to writers, musicians, visual artists, a filmmaker and an actor in the amount of \$40,000, announced Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor.

“Our artists shape our imaginations, lever social change and define who we are as Yukoners,” said Taylor. “Government is pleased to support their development at the emerging and advanced levels.”

A local musician, Ivan Zenovitch will receive \$5,000 toward recording his own music.

“I’ve been playing music for forty years,” Zenovitch said. “Now, after all this time I have the opportunity to begin building tunes in the studio, to record my own original music and move onto centre stage.”

Zenovitch thanked the Yukon government, and in particular the Arts Section with Tourism and Culture, for this opportunity. He will begin recording his own music in August.

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. This session the jury consisted of Patricia Robertson, Don Bishop, Sharon Shorty and Mario Villeneuve.

Artists receiving funding in the visual, literary and performing arts under the Advanced Artist Award are:

Marcelle Dubé	To study novel writing techniques offered through the Oregon Coast Professional Writers Workshops	Literary	\$1,750.00
Elizabeth Piccolo	To create a series of textile art works	Visual	\$2,000.00
Natasha Nettleton	To record original songs	Performing	\$2,200.00
Patti Flather	To complete a collection of short stories and submit them for publication	Literary	\$4,500.00
Al Pope	To complete novel, <i>Candle in a Dark Place</i>	Literary	\$4,500.00
Andrew Connors	To produce a short dramatic film set and shot in Keno City	Visual	\$5,000.00
Canadian Snow Sculpture Team	For team members, Donald Watt, Michael Lane and Gisli Balzer, to attend Sapporo, Japan to sculpt for an international exhibition of snow sculpture.	Visual	\$4,500.00
Shane Wilson	To explore the creative and technical possibilities of working bronze into antler carving	Visual	\$5,000.00
Brian Fidler	To attend the National Voice Intensive training course in Vancouver	Performing	\$3,800.00
Anne Louise Genest	To attend the BC Bluegrass Workshop in Sorrento to study flatpicking guitar and mandolin	Performing	\$1,750.00
Ivan Zenovitch	To record original songs	Performing	\$5,000.00
Total			\$40,000.00

Note to media: If you wish to contact any of the recipients directly to discuss their projects, please contact Karen Tremblay.

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