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ARTS GROUPS RECEIVE FUNDING TO DEVELOP AND PRESENT THE ARTS

WHITEHORSE – Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor announced that eighteen arts organizations will share \$424,500 to develop and present the arts in the Yukon.

“The Yukon government values the contribution that arts organizations make in enriching our communities,” Taylor said. “Festivals, theatre, visual arts, dance and music organizations provide an exciting array of events and activities that develop artists, engage audiences and involve volunteers throughout Yukon communities.”

Last year this program provided base funding for organizations to earn revenue and fundraise in excess of \$2 million that supported over 400 arts events and attracted 50,566 people.

These activities were supported by 1,340 volunteers who worked 40,000 hours over the year. Together these arts organizations employed 450 people in jobs and contracts for artistic, administrative and producer positions.

Yukon Arts Funding Program recipients spent a total of \$629,000 on artistic fees and over \$665,000 to produce arts events.

While the bulk of public funding is received from Yukon government sources and totals \$602,000, arts groups were able to leverage \$306,000 in national funding and \$42,000 in municipal support to assist in their activities.

Funding for the Yukon Arts Funding Program is derived from a combination of Yukon government and Lotteries Yukon funding. Applications are assessed through an arms-length process by the Yukon Arts Advisory Council.

The Yukon Arts Funding Program supports arts organizations with annual and ongoing operations.

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Attached is a list of fund recipients.

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2005/06 - Yukon Arts Funding Program Recommendations

1.	<u>Alsek Music Festival</u> 3 day annual music festival in Haines Junction that promotes northern performers.	\$10,000
2.	<u>Dawson City Music Festival</u> 3 day annual music festival that showcases northern and “outside” performers. Presents community concerts and events throughout the year.	\$34,000
3.	<u>Frostbite Music Society</u> 3 day annual music festival that showcases northern and “outside” acts as well as associated programming in music sector promotion and education.	\$32,000
4.	<u>Guild Society</u> Produces a community theatre season, monthly music coffee houses and associated educational programs. Maintains a multi-purpose arts facility.	\$51,000
5.	<u>Jazz Society of the Yukon</u> Presents <i>Jazz on the Wing</i> series, provides training and education and commissions new work	\$16,000
6.	<u>Link Dance Foundation Society</u> Dance education, performance, outreach, touring	\$10,000
7.	<u>Longest Night Society</u> An annual concert of original music, theatre, storytelling and dance with associated touring, commissions, recordings and special projects.	\$12,000
8.	<u>Nakai Theatre</u> A professional theatre company dedicated to developing original work, presenting theatre and comedy performances and providing education and development for all aspects of professional theatre.	\$55,000
9.	<u>Northern Fibres Guild</u> Training and promotion of fibre arts and artists. Delivers annual Cranberry Fair. Equipment, library loans and rentals.	\$5,000
10.	<u>Northern Lights School of Dance</u> Provides training and showcasing opportunities for a wide range of dance techniques. Provides master workshops for dancers and instructors.	\$23,500
11.	<u>Society for Education and Culture</u> Presents concerts, readings, and hosts small festivals.	\$8,000
12.	<u>Society of Yukon Artists of Native Ancestry</u> An umbrella organization for Yukon First Nations artists.	\$36,000
13.	<u>Whitehorse Community Choir</u> Delivers an eight-month choir season through practices and performances. Presents guest vocalists and conductors as well as special events such as tours and commissions.	\$16,000
14.	<u>Whitehorse Concerts</u> Presents a classical music performing arts series, workshops, promotes Yukon musicians.	\$33,000
15.	<u>Yukon Art Society</u> Presents visual arts shows in gallery; provides education and promotional programs for artists, delivers annual <i>Arts In the Park</i> programme.	\$30,000
16.	<u>Yukon Educational Theatre</u> Provides community celebrations and educational theatre programs through creating original theatre pieces and touring throughout the Yukon.	\$4,000
17.	<u>Yukon Film Society</u> Presenting film, co-op, training	\$11,000
18.	<u>Yukon International Storytelling Festival</u> An annual three-day festival showcasing local and visiting storytelling as well as associated educational programs.	\$38,000

Total funds allocated \$424,500