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ARTS AND CULTURAL PROJECTS RECEIVE FUNDING SUPPORT

WHITEHORSE – Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor announced today that funding in the amount of \$112,500 is being made available through the Arts Fund and will be shared amongst 10 community groups and art collectives.

“The Yukon government is proud to support and assist community groups and collectives pursuing creative endeavours,” Taylor said. “Artistic expression and presence is vitally important to a healthy, thriving community. Through projects such as these the community as a whole benefits greatly.”

The Arts Fund is adjudicated four times a year by the Yukon Arts Advisory Council in an arms-length process. It is an applicant-driven funding program that supports artists and community groups in creative ventures such as festivals, events, training, and art creation in all forms.

“Extremely Moving Youth Society (EMYS) appreciates receiving Yukon Arts Fund support for the Repertory Development Project,” the president of Extremely Moving Youth Society, Julie Thorpe said. “This initiative will help to bring nationally and internationally recognized choreographers and instructors to the Yukon to introduce new dance genres, choreographic techniques and add to the permanent repertoire of the EMYS dance company.

“Technical levels, performance qualities and confidence rise when young dancers have an opportunity to work with established, professional artists,” Thorpe added. “Ongoing working relationships between local dancers and national artists will also be promoted through this project.”

The next deadline for Arts Fund applications is Sept. 15. Applicants are encouraged to consult with the program officer before applying. Telephone (867) 667-3535 or e-mail artsfund@gov.yk.ca.

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List of Arts Fund June 2007 recipients attached.

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June 2007 Arts Fund Recipients:

	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS	FUNDING AWARDED
1	Blue Feather Music Society	<u>Blue Feather Music Festival</u> A celebration of music and the arts that focuses on the creative development of Yukon youth, providing them with opportunities to explore their creative potential in a festival setting.	\$8,000
2	Brave New Works Artist Collective	<u>Brave New Works 2007/08 Season</u> Brave New Works presents and promotes emerging arts and artists, providing a forum for artists to present works in progress, experimental art forms, and cross-disciplinary collaboration.	\$17,500
3	Dawson Community Co-operative Fiddlers	<u>Fiddle Lessons in Dawson City</u> A program that brings monthly fiddle, violin, and cello lessons to Dawson City, and supports the development of an orchestra group.	\$2,500
4	Extremely Moving Youth Society	<u>Repertory Development Project</u> A project to bring established and recognized choreographers and teachers to the Yukon to teach and create new works for EMYS that will become part of permanent repertoire.	\$12,000
5	Guild Society	<u>Born Yesterday</u> The Guild will mount a production of Garson Kanin's Born Yesterday at the Yukon Arts Centre	\$24,000
6	Kluane First Nation	<u>Traditional Arts Series 2007</u> A program to host a series of traditional arts workshops combining new and old techniques.	\$7,000
7	Longest Night Society	<u>True Stories Youth Show</u> A youth leadership arts development project which uses school workshops to develop young musicians and performers, culminating in a final public performance.	\$7,000
8	Nakai Theatre	<u>Nakai <i>pivot</i> Festival & Nakai for Kids Festival</u> A project that presents the Nakai <i>pivot</i> Festival, that will offer provocative and engaging theatre from around Canada; and Nakai for Kids Festival, presenting local, national, and international children's performers.	\$17,000
9	Yukon Film Society	<u>Available Light Film Festival 2008</u> An annual arts presentation film festival featuring Canadian and international dramas and documentaries.	\$10,000
10	Yukon Music Teacher's Association	<u>YMTA Workshop Series 2007/08</u> A series of music workshops, masterclasses, and lessons for music teachers and students.	\$7,500
		TOTAL:	\$112,500