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**YUKON GOVERNMENT HELPS TO BUILD CAREERS IN SOUND INDUSTRY**

WHITEHORSE – Six local artists will share \$12,000 in Yukon Sound Recording program funding from the Film & Sound Commission, Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon announced.

“The government recognizes the music industry as an essential part of Yukon’s diverse economy,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. “Demos are circulated by artists to increase their profile in the music industry and I am pleased to support Yukon artists as they continue to develop their careers.”

The Yukon Sound Recording program is designed to offset the cost of professional sound and demo recordings for broadcast and commercial release.

Lauren Tuck received \$2,000 in funding to help cover the costs of a professional demo recording. This is the first time Tuck has applied to the program and she hopes that this demo will lead to a full-length album.

“Although I work with a wide variety of music styles, this particular demo is drum ‘n’ bass electronica,” Tuck explains. “Funding for this demo demonstrates great support for the continuously evolving music scene.”

Gordie Tentrees also received \$2,000 to produce a professional demo that he anticipates will further his music career.

“This demo will be used to pitch to interested parties in helping to build interest in being part of my career and to hopefully attain further funding for a new album,” Tentrees said.

Sound Recording program grants are awarded twice a year with applications accepted May 1 and November 1. Projects are reviewed by a jury of industry professionals from outside the territory. Awards are granted to eligible applicants whose projects best meet the objectives of the program.

For more information on the Yukon Sound Recording program, visit the Yukon Film & Sound Commission website at [www.reelyukon.com](http://www.reelyukon.com).

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## May 1, 2008 Yukon Sound Recording Program Recipients

Professional demo recording (a minimum of two tracks or five minutes):

Kim Beggs                      Awarded up to \$2,000

Lara Lewis                      Awarded up to \$2,000

Ben Mahoney                      Awarded up to \$2,000

Declan O'Donovan                      Awarded up to \$2,000

Gordie Tentrees                      Awarded up to \$2,000

Lauren Tuck                      Awarded up to \$2,000