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**ARTS FUND SUPPORTING TWELVE YUKON ARTS AND CULTURAL PROJECTS**

WHITEHORSE – The Arts Fund is contributing \$124,300 towards twelve projects to further develop the arts in Yukon, Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor announced today.

"Arts and culture play a significant role in developing an individual's potential as well as contributing to community development," Taylor said. "The Yukon government is pleased to provide funding for these arts and cultural projects."

The Arts Fund is an applicant-driven funding program that supports artists and communities in creative endeavours such as festivals, events, training, and art creation in all forms.

One of the groups to receive funding is the North Klondike Highway Music Collaboration for the 2008-09 Klondike Fiddle School project, which provide a series of music lessons and concerts between October 2008 and March 2009 in communities along the Klondike Highway.

"We're thrilled to receive news that the Arts Fund will support us again," Board Member Peter Menzies said. "We've been working hard at music education in the North Klondike Highway communities and schools. We could not have accomplished what we've done without the support of the Arts Fund. Mashi cho, merci and thank-you."

The next deadline for Arts Fund applications is September 15, 2008. Applicants are encouraged to consult the Fund Administrator before applying. Telephone: (867) 667-3535, toll free at 1-800-661-0408 ext. 3535. Email: [artsfund@gov.yk.ca](mailto:artsfund@gov.yk.ca)

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List of Arts Fund June 2008 recipients attached.

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## Arts Fund Recipients - June 15, 2008 Intake

	Applicant	Project Description	Amount Allocated
1	Arts in Motion	<u>Flamenco Dance &amp; Guitar Workshop</u> For a comprehensive workshop in flamenco dance technique for beginner and intermediate level students, and classes in guitar accompaniment for flamenco dance.	\$1,210
2	Blue Feather Music Society	<u>2008 Blue Feather Music Festival</u> For a celebration of music and arts, and mentorship of youth in production and performance.	\$10,950
3	Carcross-Tagish First Nation	<u>Tagish Tlingit Immersion Summer Camp</u> For an immersion camp focusing on Tagish and Tlingit culture through art creation, art history, and encouraging traditional practices and language.	\$6,000
4	Caribou River Originals	<u>Timber Rabbits – World Premiere</u> To mount the play “Timber Rabbits” to a full stage production.	\$14,000
5	Dawson Community Fiddlers Cooperative	<u>String Lessons in Dawson</u> To provide affordable, quality string lessons in Dawson City.	\$2,580
6	Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon	<u>Film'in Yukon</u> For a film project that will introduce youth with learning disabilities to the art of filmmaking.	\$6,060
7	North Klondyke Highway Music Collaboration	<u>2008/09 Klondyke Fiddle School</u> For a season of music lessons, concerts, and dances for young people in Carmacks, Pelly Crossing, Mayo, and Dawson City.	\$14,000
8	Suzuki Strings Association of Yukon	<u>SSAY Teacher Support 2008/09</u> For a project that will foster the ongoing musical education, mentorship, and performance training for young musicians in Whitehorse.	\$12,000

9	Tr'ondëk Hwëchin	<u>The Moosehide Gathering 2008</u> For a large-scale cultural festival at the heritage townsite of Moosehide, hosted by the Tr'ondëk Hwëchin.	\$25,000
10	Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation	<u>First Nation Roots &amp; Rhythms</u> Towards music and dance components of the Biennial Gwitch'in Gathering in Old Crow.	\$10,000
11	Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation	<u>Old Crow Art Boot Camp 2008</u> For a three-day workshop focusing on a variety of art forms, with attention to youth and adult participation.	\$6,000
12	Yukon Women in Music	<u>YWIM CD Release Concert &amp; Community Tour</u> To present Yukon women artists in a series of concerts and workshops in Whitehorse and in the communities and for the release of the new YWIM compilation CD.	\$16,500
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$124,300</b>