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Diverse Yukon Arts Projects Receive Support

WHITEHORSE – The Department of Tourism and Culture Arts Fund is contributing \$138,735 to 19 recipients with exciting and diverse artistic goals, announced Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor.

“The applicants in this intake show the variety of artistic excellence in Yukon,” Taylor said. “We see photography, theatre, dance, pottery, First Nations carving, music and unique events which combine many of these disciplines.”

An excellent example is the Whitehorse Boys and Girls Club project, *When the Circus Comes to Town*. The Vancouver Circus School will conduct a variety of workshops in Whitehorse this summer, culminating in a public event with Whitehorse youth and circus professionals performing together. Yukoners can expect an unusual treat with contortionists, ribbon dancers, yoyo champions and flying trapeze artists.

“We are extremely grateful for the Arts Fund,” Whitehorse Boys and Girls Club programmer Dave Blottner said. “This opportunity simply could not happen without it. Yukon youth have gained valuable work experience in leading this project and will have an amazing opportunity for physical and creative learning in this summer’s workshops.”

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. The fund is adjudicated four times a year by the Yukon Arts Advisory Council in an arms-length process.

The next deadline for applications is June 15. Applicants are encouraged to consult a fund administrator before applying by telephoning 667-3535, toll-free within Yukon at 1-800-661-0408, extension 3535 or emailing artsfund@gov.yk.ca.

For further information, visit the Department of Tourism and Culture website at www.tc.gov.yk.ca.

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Attached: List of recipients March 15, 2009 intake.

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Arts Fund Recipients March 15, 2009 Intake

Arts Fund

	Applicant	Project	\$
1	Association franco-yukonnaise (AFY)	The cultural section of AFY to present a portion of the Solstice Festival in Dawson in order to extend the reach of the French art scene in the territory.	5,000
2	Autism Yukon	A collaborative photography workshop and exhibit working with professional artists, people with autism, and the Yukon Arts Centre.	14,000
3	Boys and Girls Club of Whitehorse	Bringing Vancouver Circus School to Yukon for a series of performances and workshops.	14,000
4	Breakdancing Yukon Society	Breakdancing Yukon society plans to host 1st ever, National Breakdancing Battle, Showcase, and cipher event in the Yukon.	12,000
5	Bringing Youth Towards Equality (BYTE)	Each year, BYTE brings together new and emerging bands and holds a battle at the annual youth conference.	5,000
6	Carcross Recreation Board	Pottery classes twice a week through the summer, open to everyone in the community.	2,660
7	Fiddle Kids Society	Dramatic musical show performed by Yukon youth.	10,000
8	Gwaandak Theatre	A premiere production of The Soul Menders, a play by Yukon playwright Patti Flather.	14,000
9	Kluane Quilters Guild	Workshops and lecture by Merikay Waldvogel, nationally known Quilt authority.	3,800
10	Lorne Mountain Community Association	Three one evening events throughout summer 2009 at LMCC, performing art meets culinary art, music and food with youth artist and professional artists.	4,500
11	Northern Cultural Expressions Society	Eight to twelve Yukon youth will be mentored by world-renowned Tlingit Master Carver and Artist, Wayne Price to complete a museum-quality, sea-worthy dugout canoe on the banks of the Yukon River.	12,000
12	Selkirk First Nation	Gives youth the opportunity to learn hands-on art forms from elders.	2,500
13	Selkirk First Nation	Two Activities: Youth Moving Towards Self Reliance and Live Art at the Big Jonathan Centre.	7,500
14	Sour Brides Theatre	Workshopping What a Cad! and Lamentation.	3,500
15	Teslin Recreation Society	A one-day Teslin music event focusing on Yukon artists.	7,500
16	Varietease Collective	To rehearse and present a burlesque cabaret show called Varietease III at the Yukon Arts Centre October 20-24, 2009	14,000
17	Whitehorse Elementary School Council	This play meaning "lying" in Italian, a Comedia dell'Arte presented for children at the Yukon Arts Centre in May 2009.	2,000
18	Whitehorse String Ensemble	To travel to Haines Junction to perform at convention centre April 2009.	775
19	Yukon Art Society	Two three-day hand papermaking workshops, one artist mentorship/collaborative project and two free public talks will be presented by Helmut Becker	4,000

TOTAL ALLOCATION: \$138, 735