

GNWT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

There are two GNWT Departments that have shared interests in supporting the arts: ITI and ECE. ECE supports the creative aspects of the arts, while ITI helps the business side of the arts.

ECE's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

Since 1985, ECE has supported the NWT Arts Council as it strives to stimulate and promote northern art. The Council's role is to provide recommendations to the Minister of ECE regarding financial awards and workshops. If you would like to apply for funding, please go to the Arts Council website for an application at:

www.nwtartscouncil.ca

ECE also has a Support to Northern Performers Program designed to aid in the development and promotion of performing arts and artists in the NWT at local and regional festivals and events.

For more information, consult the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre website at:

www.pwnhc.ca/programs/comm_programs_guidelines.asp#Support

ITI's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

ITI recognizes the importance of tradition and the economic potential of the NWT arts and fine crafts industry. ITI's support is provided through the Support for Entrepreneur and Economic Development (SEED) Policy. Also through the NWT Arts Branding Logo, ITI supports marketing and promotional efforts nationally and internationally by bringing awareness to the importance and value of traditional arts and fine crafts in the NWT.

For more information please visit ITI's website at:
www.nwtarts.com

NWT ARTISTS DATABASE

If you are an NWT artist or organization who is interested in having a **FREE** online profile listed on the NWT Artists' Database, please contact us at:

Phone Toll Free:
1-877-445- 2787 (ARTS)

E-mail: nwtarts@gov.nt.ca
Visit our website: www.nwtarts.com

To secure the stability of a vibrant arts sector that is integral to the economic, social, and cultural fabric of the NWT, and contributes positively to the quality of life within the NWT."

- Vision of the NWT Arts Strategy



ATTENTION ARTISTS AND TRADITIONAL FINE CRAFTERS WE CAN HELP YOU BUILD YOUR BRAND

Identify your artwork as created and produced in the Northwest Territories. Join with other artists and enroll in the NWT Arts Branding Logo Program to help market your art, fine craft or performances. This Program provides common visual identification and representation for all artists to market their arts and fine crafts.

Price tags, stickers, posters, tent cards and electronic copies of the logo are available for free to those who are registered with the Program.

For more information about the Program and how to join, please visit www.nwtarts.com, e-mail nwtarts@gov.nt.ca or contact your local Industry, Tourism and Investment office toll-free at **1-877-445-2787 (ARTS)**.



ARTISTS NEWSLINE

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This newsletter is created by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and is designed to help the Northwest Territories (NWT) arts community stay up to date with what's happening in the industry.

NWT RESIDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR PROMOTION OF ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

The Minister's Cultural Circle (MCC) was established in 2011 to recognize those who have contributed to preserving and promoting the arts, culture and heritage in the NWT. The MCC celebrates achievements and contributions of Northerners from all cultural backgrounds. The following recipients are recognized by the MCC in 2011 for their outstanding contribution:

Youth Category—Evan Tordiff, Fort Smith

Spending time out on the land hunting and trapping with elders, and participating in a variety of cultural events, 14 year old Evan has demonstrated a strong commitment to preserving and strengthening his Métis culture.



photo credit Ashley Green, ECE

Individual Category—Ben Nind, Yellowknife

As the Director of the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre (NACC) in Yellowknife, Ben has made the stage a major showcase for northern talent. Through workshops and arts mentoring programs, Ben has expanded NACC's outreach to 22 communities across the NWT in 2010.

Elder Category—Abel Tingmiak, Inuvik

Mr. Tingmiak has worked closely with the educators in the Beaufort Delta Region to demonstrate and teach traditional Inuvialuit dances and games to students. Throughout his lifetime he has played a major role in promoting northern games and Inuvialuit culture in a number of venues, both within and outside the NWT.

Group or Organization Category—Aklavik Delta Drummers and Dancers

For over 30 years this dance group has been performing the traditional dances of the Inuvialuit and relating the stories behind them. Their performances have thrilled and educated people in local, regional, national and international audiences for decades.

Minister's Choice—Chief Jimmy Bruneau Regional School, Trails of Our Ancestors Program

Chief Jimmy Bruneau School worked diligently with the Tlicho Community Services Agency to develop the unique, culture and land based course, *Trails of Our Ancestors*. The course gives Tlicho people, in particular Tlicho youth, the opportunity to re-trace the past through the eyes of their Elders. It provides an opportunity for youth to learn and practice the lifestyle of traditional travel by canoe and helps teach them to respect the land, their culture and language, and the Tlicho way of life.

"Awareness and participation in arts and cultural activities and promotion of our Northern heritage is important for strengthening our cultural identity as individuals, families and communities. I am honoured to recognize the efforts of all individuals and organizations across the territory who work diligently throughout the year to promote and preserve our unique Northern heritage" - Minister of ECE, Jackson Lafferty



SAHTU IN THE ARTS 2011

An Article by Antoine Mountain.

"I have done a total of six projects here in Tulita for Sahtu In the Arts 2011, five of them being mural/paintings and a new welcome sign for the community. The largest one, featured here, the 'Moosekin Boat Mural' is six by fourteen feet in size, at over 80 square feet, acrylics on canvas. George Illopoulos made the stretcher frame, specifically designed to follow along the angle of the band office building, which it now adorns for all to see and enjoy from the communal arbor and the main road. He also constructed all of the rest of the stretcher frames for these projects. This mural/painting is done partly from memory, from my earliest days on the land, in the Mackenzie Mountain Range. I remember it being very exciting and dangerous coming down towards the Mackenzie River in these crafts. There are close to thirty people riding in this traditional Mountain Dene construction.

Other projects I have worked on include the 'Handgame Mural', on the arena's front outside wall, meant to highlight the upcoming Victor Menacho Memorial Handgames Tournament. Another is 'How Muskrat Created the World', an old time Dene legend, decorating the outside front wall of the swimming pool. I intentionally picked a story with some colourful animals for the children to enjoy. There are two of these mural/paintings on the Aurora College Campus, 'The Moose Skinners Mural' and an 'Eagle Mural', which also features the Dene Nation Emblem and a handgame in progress. Finally I re-did the community's welcome sign, slightly larger and with more colours." Mahsi, Thank you, **Antoine Mountain**



SUPPORT TO THE NWT FILM INDUSTRY

The NWT film industry has become one of the territory's most promising sectors and is in a great position to grow thanks to recent changes by the GNWT.

Recognizing the promise of this vibrant industry, the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) has restructured the Film Commission and added a dedicated Associate Film Commissioner to support and better serve aspiring northern filmmakers. "We heard industry concerns that the Film Commission needed more capacity," said ITI Minister Bob McLeod. "This newly tailored support will allow ITI to maximize the effectiveness of its support for the industry by working directly with industry partners."

The Associate Film Commissioner will work directly with the film industry to provide assistance tailored to each specific project. In addition to the restructuring of Film Commission staff, \$100,000 in new dedicated annual funding has been made available for NWT film industry projects. The money will be distributed through ITI's Support to Entrepreneurs and Economic Development (SEED) Policy starting this fall.

"For many aspiring filmmakers in the NWT, finding financial support has always been an issue" said Minister McLeod. "With this support, we hope to see even more films produced in the NWT that use our rugged landscape and vibrant cultural essence as a backdrop."

The Department of ITI's increased support for the NWT film industry is an example of its commitment to creating a diverse, sustainable economy as envisioned in the 16th Legislative Assembly's Northerners Working Together plan. Visit www.nwtfilm.com for more information.

ATTENTION: NWT ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING APPLICANTS

Since 1985, the NWT Arts Council has provided recommendations to the Minister of ECE on financial awards for creative artistic projects in the visual, literary, media and performing arts, and on arts issues and policies. If you would like to apply for funding, please go to the Arts Council website for an application at: www.nwtartscouncil.ca

For more information contact: The NWT Arts Council, ECE, GNWT, PO Box 1320, Yellowknife NT X1A 2L9. Phone (867) 920-6370 Fax (867) 873-0205.



NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ARTS FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

People in the NWT love to get together and celebrate. The NWT is home to a variety of unique festivals and events that celebrate and showcase the diversity of our people, culture and arts. Visit: www.nwtarts.com for more events listings.

COMMUNITY ARTS AND CRAFTS CHRISTMAS SALE November- FORT SMITH

A great shopping opportunity for that original gift from an unique place. Arts and fine craft displays by local Fort Smith artists. Come meet the artists. Phone: (867) 872-2859

GREAT NORTHERN ARTS FESTIVAL CHRISTMAS FAIR November- INUVIK

Find the perfect northern gift when the Great Northern Arts Society presents this amazing showcase of local arts, culture, and craftsmanship. Phone: (867) 777-8638

NORTHERN PERFORMERS FESTIVAL January—YELLOWKNIFE

The Northern Arts and Cultural Centre (NACC) is proud to present its annual Northern Performers Festival, featuring established and emerging stars on the entertainment scene "North of 60." Visit the NACC website at: www.naccnt.ca

SUNRISE FESTIVAL January—INUVIK

The 24th annual celebration of the return of the sun to the community. Bonfire and fireworks on the Saturday closest to the sunrise. Phone: (867) 777-8618 or visit: www.inuvik.ca

FORT LIARD ART STRATEGY ART COMPETITION February—FORT LIARD

Open to all NWT Artists. Competition has seven categories and is designed to bring recognition to all of the talented artists in the Dehcho area. Phone: (867) 770-4104

SNOWKING WINTER FESTIVAL Entire month of March—YELLOWKNIFE

Come visit the snow castle on Yellowknife Bay and stay for art exhibits, live music, a film festival, family events, a hockey tournament and great hot chocolate throughout the month. Phone: (867) 669-1571 or visit: www.snowking.ca
Email: boris_atamanenko@gov.nt.ca

YELLOWKNIFE CHRISTMAS CRAFTS SALES

Abe Miller Christmas Craft Fair

November 26, 2011

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

4912-53rd Street

Phone: 873-2218

Elks Hall Christmas Craft Fair

November 5, 2011

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

4919-49th Street

Phone: 873-4563

Aurora College Christmas Craft Fair

November 26, 2011

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

5004-54th Street

Phone: 920-3050

ALSO WATCH FOR THESE UPCOMING SALES:

St. Patrick's Church Bizarre Fair

Date to be announced in Newspaper and on the Radio

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Corner of 52nd Street/52nd Ave

Phone: 873-4880

Aven Manor Auction

Bakers Centre Christmas Sale

November 26, 2011

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

5710-50th Ave

Phone: 873-9475

Guild of Arts and Crafts Sale

Date to be announced in Newspaper and on the Radio

5010 44 Street—St. Pat's Weledeh Gym

Phone: 920-4573