



YVR ART FOUNDATION

YVR Art Foundation Announces 2014 Scholarship Recipients

Eight BC First Nations artists awarded \$5,000 scholarships

Richmond, B.C. (May 28, 2014): The YVR Art Foundation (YVRAF) is pleased to announce the selection of eight BC First Nations artists as recipients of the 2014 YVR Art Foundation Scholarship Awards. The winners will be recognized at the annual YVRAF Awards Reception that also includes the unveiling of the 2013 scholarship recipients' art projects at Vancouver International Airport (YVR) on May 30, 2014.

"The YVR Art Foundation would like to congratulate this group of young talented First Nations artists who were selected as our 2014 scholarship winners," said Stuart Rush, President, YVR Art Foundation. "These awards are testaments to their strong desire and determination to excel in their artistic field. We are pleased to help them realize their vision and provide the opportunity to pursue their art education."

The winners of the 2014 YVR Art Foundation Youth Artist scholarships are:

- **Kelli Clifton**, age 25, Tsimshian, residing in Terrace
- **Charlene Johnny-Wadsworth**, age 22, Cowichan, residing in West Vancouver
- **George Lawson**, age 22, Gitxan, residing in North Vancouver
- **Raven Pearson LeBlanc**, age 23, Haida residing in Vancouver
- **Sage Paul**, age 18, WSÁNEĆ , residing in Brentwood Bay
- **Skil Jaadee White**, age 18, Haida, residing in Masset

This year, the Foundation added a new scholarship award for mid-career artists of BC First Nations ancestry (age 27 and up) who wish to further their careers or extend their work into a new scale or area. The 2014 Mid-Career Artist Scholarship recipients are:

- **Landon Gunn**, Kwakwaka'wakw and Metis, residing in Marysville, BC
- **Luke Parnell**, Haida and Nisga'a, residing in Vancouver

YVRAF Youth Art Scholarships are awarded annually to emerging artists of BC First Nations ancestry (under age 27) who wish to develop their artistic potential. Selected by a jury of three senior First Nations artists, the recipients receive a \$5,000 scholarship to attend a formal art institution or study with a mentor over the course of one year. At the end of the year their art projects are unveiled at the annual YVRAF Scholarship Awards Reception and then are exhibited at YVR. Scholarship recipients also have an opportunity to spend a day touring Vancouver museums, galleries and art studios. The YVR Art Foundation has awarded over \$250,000 in scholarships and awards to more than 50 artists.



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About the YVR Art Foundation

The YVR Art Foundation (YVRAF) was founded in 1993 by Vancouver Airport Authority to foster the development of BC First Nations art and artists. The Foundation provides scholarships, awards and exhibition opportunities to BC First Nations artists who wish to develop their artistic potential. The YVR Art Foundation receives funding from Vancouver Airport Authority and from individual, foundation and corporate donors. For more information about the YVR Art Foundation, visit www.yvraf.com.

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