



## **YVR Art Foundation Announces 2021 Art Scholarship Recipients and Awards \$50,000 to Indigenous Artists**

RICHMOND, B.C. (May 19, 2021): YVR Art Foundation announces the 10 recipients of the 2021 YVR Art Foundation art scholarship awards. YVR Art Foundation offers annual scholarships to B.C. and Yukon First Nations artists who create visual art that reflects B.C. or Yukon First Nations culture.

“On behalf of YVR Art Foundation, I would like to congratulate the 10 artists selected as our 2021 Scholarship recipients,” said Susan Jackson, Executive Director, YVR Art Foundation. “These award recipients represent a wide range of emerging and mid-career Indigenous artists in B.C. and we are pleased to be able to support their creative and professional development, and to provide this opportunity to pursue art mentorships, education and community projects.”

YVR Art Foundation scholarships are awarded to B.C. and Yukon Indigenous artists in two categories: Emerging and Mid-Career. The Emerging Artist Scholarship is for artists aged 17 to 29 to further develop their art practice through working with an artist mentor or attending a school of art over a one-year period. For artists looking to take their work to a new level or extend it to a new area, the Mid-Career Artist Scholarship is for artists aged 30 and older to study with a master artist, pursue a special community project or attend a school of art over a one-year period.

Scholarship recipients are selected through a formal adjudication process and by a jury composed of established Indigenous artists and curators. Each recipient is awarded \$5,000.

### **The 2021 recipients of the YVR Art Foundation Emerging Artist Scholarships are:**

- **Angelo Kalum Cavagnaro**, Nisga’a from Terrace
- **Rebecca Baker-Grenier**, Kwakiutl and Skwxwu7mesh from White Rock
- **Reggie Harrold**, Slavey and Shuswap from Fort Nelson
- **Harrison Martin**, Nisga’a and Tsimshian from Sidney
- **Sydney Pickering**, Lil’wat Nation from Vancouver
- **Shaina Richelle Stephens**, Nisga’a from Nanaimo
- **Naomi Watkins**, Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc from Vancouver
- **Eliot White-Hill**, Kwulasultun, Snuneymuxw from Nanaimo

**The 2021 recipients of the YVR Art Foundation Mid-Career Artist Scholarships are:**

- **Shawn Aster**, Ts'msyen from Terrace
- **Tina Robinson**, Ts'msyen from Prince Rupert

“For more than 15 years, YVR Art Foundation has been committed to supporting the development and advancement of B.C. and Yukon Indigenous artists,” said Richard Beed, Vice President of People and Brand, Vancouver Airport Authority. “We are proud to once again support the YVR Art Foundation and the outstanding work of such talented artists through YVR’s community investment program. Congratulations to all recipients!”

Since 2005, YVR Art Foundation has awarded more than 190 scholarships, grants and awards to B.C. and Yukon First Nations artists totaling over \$700,000. Over 90 scholarship recipient artists have exhibited their work at the Vancouver International Airport (YVR), contributing to YVR’s well-known sense of place.

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**About YVR Art Foundation**

YVR Art Foundation is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that supports the development and advancement of BC and Yukon First Nations art and artists by providing scholarships, grants, awards and exhibition opportunities. YVR Art Foundation is funded through generous support from Vancouver Airport Authority as well as individual, foundation and corporate donors. For more information about the YVR Art Foundation, visit [www.yvraf.com](http://www.yvraf.com).

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