



## **YVR Art Foundation Announces 2020 Art Scholarship Recipients and Awards \$50,000 in Scholarships to Indigenous Artists**

RICHMOND, B.C. (June 4, 2020): YVR Art Foundation announces the 10 recipients of the 2020 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 this year’s exceptional group of artists who have been selected as our 2020 Scholarship recipients,” said Susan Jackson, Executive Director, YVR Art Foundation. “The award recipients represent a wide range of emerging and mid-career Indigenous artists in B.C. and the Yukon. 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 artistic potential through working with an artist mentor or attending a recognized 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 recognized school of art over a one-year period.

Scholarship recipients are selected through a formal jury process and each recipient is awarded \$5,000.

### **The recipients of the 2020 YVR Art Foundation Emerging Artist Scholarships are:**

- Cyril Bennett-Nabess, Tsimshian from Terrace
- Marlo Wylie Brillon, Haida/Cree from Courtenay
- Shoshannah Greene, Haida from Queen Charlotte
- Jade Hanuse, Nuxalk from Bella Coola
- Jordana Luggi, Wet’suwet’en/Dakelh from Vancouver
- Sage Nowak, Tahltan, Vuntut/Gwitchin from Whitehorse
- Charlie Naomi Watkins, T’Kemlups from Vancouver

**The recipients of the 2020 YVR Art Foundation Mid-Career Artist Scholarships are:**

- Christopher Auchter, Haida from Burnaby
- Jared Kane, Southern Tutchone/Tlingit from Whitehorse
- Cody Lecoy, Syilx/Lekwungen from BC

“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 Jenny Duncan, Director, Marketing and Communications, 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, YVRAF has awarded more than 160 scholarships, grants and awards to B.C. and Yukon First Nations artists totaling over \$600,000. Over 80 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) and a new gallery website featuring artwork by scholarship recipients will be launching soon.

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