



FESTIVAL INFORMATION & HOW TO APPLY

Application Deadlines:

March 4, 2017 - For those requiring sponsorship
April 15, 2017 - For those arranging their own travel

WHAT TO EXPECT

Now entering its 7th year, the Adäka Cultural Festival brings Yukon First Nations artists together with Aboriginal artists from across Canada and around the world to share and celebrate their creativity and culture with a local, national and international audience. From **June 30th – July 6th**, over 200 performing and visual artists and knowledge keepers will gather at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre in downtown Whitehorse to participate in a vibrant program of events including traditional & contemporary music, dance & drumming, art exhibitions, artist demonstrations, cultural presentations, artist and public workshops and seminars, drumming circles, storytelling, a community feast and more! Visual artists generally spend 5-7 days at the festival and take part in workshops or work on their art in the shared studio tents. Your artwork will be displayed and cared for in our festival gallery and sold by our expert staff. This year, we are hosting a special Canada 150 project focused on the construction of 4 traditional watercraft including a dugout canoe, birch bark canoe, Inuit skin kayak and a moose skin boat. To learn more about what to expect, visit our website and download the program from last year.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Application is open to traditional and contemporary emerging and master Aboriginal artists in the following categories:

- Visual Art
- Traditional Craft/Fashion
- Music
- Dance
- Storytelling
- Film/Media Art
- Theatre
- Knowledge Keepers
- Culture Bearers
- Traditional Drumming/Dancing

ARTIST SELECTION

A jury will evaluate all applications and use the following criteria to guide their selection:

- Representation from each Yukon First Nation in Yukon
- Guest Artists from outside Yukon willing to collaborate and teach
- A balance of contemporary and traditional artists from a variety of disciplines
- Artists who demonstrate a strong commitment to their art or cultural practice

Selected artists will be contacted within 2 weeks following the application deadline.

ARTIST SPONSORSHIP & TRAVEL SUBSIDY PROGRAM

The Festival has a sponsorship program to assist artists with travel, accommodation and meals during the Festival. Sponsorship and travel subsidies are provided at different levels depending on your needs, where you are travelling from and your involvement in the Festival program. Our sponsorship budget is limited and we strive to assist as many artists as possible. Sponsored Artists may be required to share accommodation and are encouraged to stay with family or friends in Whitehorse so we can extend our sponsorship dollars. More on sponsorship to follow:

Yukon Artists Sponsorship

The festival strives to bring emerging and established artists from all 14 Yukon communities and hope to bring in some new artists each year. If you have not attended the festival in the past, please give us a call and we will assist you with the application. The festival vision is to inspire and support emerging as well as established artists from across Yukon.

Artists From Outside the Yukon

The festival welcomes aboriginal artists from other parts of Canada and the world. We fully sponsor a select group of established artists who are willing to share their skills and inspire other artists. We also offer partial sponsorship such as a portion of travel costs and or accommodation in Yukon. And, we also help artists apply for travel grants from various provincial and national funding agencies.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FESTIVAL AND SPONSORSHIP

There are two ways to apply to the Festival. Either complete the on-line forms on our website, or contact our office and we will send you an electronic copy of the appropriate forms.

If you would like to apply for sponsorship, please complete the Artist Sponsorship Application.

CHECK LIST FOR NEW ARTISTS

- Artist Application (Visual or Performing)
- Artist Bio OR
- Biographical Questionnaire Form
- Artist Sponsorship Application if applicable
- Digital Images of You & Your Artwork (5-10)
- Tech needs/stage plot, if available

CHECK LIST FOR RETURNING ARTISTS

- Artist Application (Visual or Performing)
- Tech needs/stage plot, if different from before
- Artist Sponsorship Application if applicable

ELDERS & BEGINNER ARTISTS

If you are an elder or a Youth that has not been to the Festival, please call us and we will assist you with the application.

Please note: We will accept applications from Elders and Youth until the end of May.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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