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Yukon Prize Applications Open to Dawson Artists until March 31st

by Robin Sharp

The Yukon Prize for Visual Arts was created by Julie Jai & David Trick, who split their lives between Whitehorse and Toronto. Their goal is to spread the word to the rest of Canada about the fantastic visual arts scene in our territory.

"A lot of times when I bring up Yukon art down south a collector or curator will mention they have an Inuit soapstone carving from NWT or Nunavut. There is a dearth of understanding for what we do here in the Yukon and we want create bridges between the artists here and the rest of Canada and the world."

Applications are open until March 31 for Yukon artists who want to apply with their work.

Each of the six finalists for the prize will be guaranteed a minimum of \$1,000. One of the finalists will be chosen for

the top prize of \$20,000.

To assist artists, the Yukon Government is making available free professional photography services for applicants to the Yukon Prize. For a photo session in Dawson, artists should contact KIAC at 867-993-5005 to set up an appointment on Sunday, March 14.

Three nationally-renowned curators have agreed to serve as the prize's jurors: Ryan Doherty, the chief curator of Contemporary Calgary; Candice Hopkins, an independent curator, writer and researcher who was part of the curatorial team of the Canadian Pavilion at the 2019 Venice Biennale; and Gaëtane Verna, the director of The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery in Toronto.

The six finalists will be named in June, and the Yukon Arts Centre will host a show of all of the finalists' art this fall. www.yukonprize.ca