

CALL TO ARTISTS AND PRIZE RULES

INTRODUCTION

Yukon visual artists are invited to apply for the Yukon Prize for Visual Arts. This prestigious prize has been established to recognize excellence by Yukon visual artists and be a catalyst for the promotion of Yukon visual art across Canada.

The prize has three goals:

- To provide a significant financial prize (\$20,000) to one Yukon artist annually that will help the artist focus full-time on creating art or advancing his/her artistic development
- To promote Yukon art and Yukon artists outside the Yukon
- To foster a culture of curatorial critique and discourse in the Yukon and encourage artists to be the best that they can possibly be.

A jury of distinguished visual arts professionals from across Canada will review all submissions and select up to six artists whose applications exemplify artistic excellence. Art works submitted for consideration from these six finalists will be included in a curated group exhibition in Whitehorse at the Yukon Arts Centre Gallery from September – November 2023. Once the work is on display, jury members will convene in Whitehorse and select the overall prizewinner. An event will be held to celebrate the artists and their work and to announce the winner.

The winner will receive \$20,000 and the other finalists will receive \$2,000 each.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING THE PRIZE

The prize recognizes excellence by Yukon visual artists. It recognizes artists whose work demonstrates technical proficiency and reflects a unique artistic “voice” in theme, method or practice, referencing traditions and/or the contemporary realm.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 1, 2023	Applications open
February 28, 2023	Deadline to apply for Prize
Mar – April 2023	Jurying

May 2023	Longlist announced
June 2023	Up to six finalists announced
August 15, 2023	Finalists deliver their work to the Yukon Arts Centre Gallery
September 2023	Show of finalists' work opens at the Yukon Arts Centre Gallery
September 15 – 17, 2023	Jurors travel to Whitehorse to select winner, Yukon Prize Recipient announced on Saturday September 16, 2023, Artist talks and events all weekend
September – November 2023	Show of finalists' work at the Yukon Arts Centre Gallery
November 2023	Show closes; Viewers' Choice award announced

ELIGIBILITY

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In order to be eligible, artists must be residents of the Yukon for at least two years immediately prior to the application deadline (February 28, 2023) and be engaged in creating and producing original works of art on a part-time or full-time basis. In recognition of the unique relationship which Yukon First Nations people have had with the land since time immemorial, Yukon First Nations artists who are not Yukon residents but who have maintained a significant connection to the Yukon are also eligible.

ELIGIBILITY OF THE ART

Artists should submit digital images of 4 to 8 artworks produced in the last 5 years immediately prior to the application date (February 28, 2023, i.e. works produced since February 28, 2018). A series can be considered one artwork if the pieces would normally be exhibited together. They must be original works of art such as (but not limited to): painting, carving, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, electronic media, photography, textiles, glass, regalia, jewelry and drawing, and should reflect the artist's best work. Ideally the work, or similar pieces, will be available for an exhibit at the Yukon Arts Centre Gallery from September – November 2023, and potentially for other shows outside the Yukon.

ELIGIBILITY OF PAST YUKON PRIZE FINALISTS

Past finalists from Yukon Prize are eligible to apply. However past recipients of the Yukon Prize can only apply after ten years have passed.

PRIZE RULES AND HOW TO APPLY

Artists are strongly encouraged to apply online at www.yukonprize.ca

Alternatively, artists may submit paper applications (available on the website or from the Yukon Arts Centre) and send them to Mary Bradshaw, Yukon Arts Centre, Box 16 / C.P. 16 Whitehorse, YT, Y1A 5X9. Mailed applications must be postmarked by February 21, 2023.

Completed applications and photos may also be emailed to paper-submissions@yukonprize.ca

Any non-digital submissions will be scanned for the jury.

The application form requires:

1. Your contact information, including your website or social media sites (if any)
2. Your confirmation that you have resided in the Yukon for the two years immediately prior to February 28, 2023, and that the artworks you are entering were produced during the five years immediately prior to February 28, 2023.
3. Your biography (maximum 150 words). This is your opportunity to tell us about yourself, including your artistic training, inspiration, media choice, or anything that you might like people to know about you and your art.
4. An artist's statement (maximum 500 words). This should describe your artistic development, the works submitted and how your work reflects your artistic voice and engages with larger themes.
5. A copy of your Resumé/ Curriculum Vitae, which should include a history of any shows in which your work has been shown.

The application form requires that you upload one to three images of each of the artworks that form your entry in this competition.

- Image upload files should be labelled as: Artist's last name, first name, title (the number if more than one photo of same work is submitted), year completed.
- Example: Doe_Jane_Sunrise on Lake_1 of 2_2019.
- Do not include special characters such as #,!, * or stray spaces in the file name. Doing so may prevent the file from uploading.
- Images should not exceed 3MB in jpg, tiff or png formats.
- Images should be clear and in focus. Please remember that this image represents your work.

Please provide the Title, Date, Medium, and Dimensions for each artwork in the space provided on the form. In addition, you are encouraged (but not required) to share the story behind each work of art.

PERMISSION TO REPRODUCE YOUR ART FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES

The application form asks you to give the organizers of the prize a non-exclusive license to reproduce your work for purposes of Yukon Prize publicity. More specifically, by submitting work to be considered for the exhibition:

- The artist grants the organizers of the Yukon Prize a non-exclusive license to reproduce the images of your artwork on our website and on the Prize's social media network outlets. Usage of the image(s) is limited to any Yukon Prize publicity including, but not limited to, press releases, event presentations, articles, slide shows, videos, brochures, posters, show catalogues and for use on the Yukon Prize website and on the Yukon Arts Centre website.
- The artist agrees that the Yukon Prize organizers can maintain an archive of the chosen artwork as part of a historical site record of past exhibitions. This archive will be available only on the Yukon Prize or Yukon Arts Centre websites. The website(s) will provide credit for each image with their Artist Name, Title and the Artist Email/Website, if applicable. The artist shall retain all copyrights of any images that are submitted to the Yukon Prize organizers.
- The artist authorizes the organizers to crop or colour-correct the images in order to enhance the overall presentation and/or for formatting purposes for use in the slide show, website image gallery, and marketing materials, and for other areas of the website where your images may appear.
- The Yukon Prize organizers and the Yukon Arts Centre do not claim ownership of the artwork you submit for consideration. All images attached to a website are the property of the respective artist and the artist retains the sole copyright and all other applicable rights to said images. The artist will be given credit whenever images of their art are used or shared.

EXHIBITING YOUR ART

The application form asks you to agree that, if you are selected as one of the finalists, you will assist so that the artworks you enter, or equivalent pieces, can be part of a show at the Yukon Arts Centre. More specifically:

- The artist will be responsible for delivering the art to the Yukon Arts Centre by August 15, 2023, at the artist's expense. The artist will also be responsible for retrieving the art from the Yukon Arts Centre at the end of the show, in November 2023, at the artist's expense.
- Art that is suitable for hanging must be equipped with D-rings for hanging.
- Art must be clearly identified with the name of the artist on the back.
The Yukon Arts Centre will be responsible for insurance coverage of the artwork for the duration of the exhibition.

RIGHT TO REVISE THESE RULES

The organizers retain the right to revise or add to these rules if circumstances require. Any future revisions to these rules will be posted on the website www.yukonprize.ca

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact info@yukonprize.ca

You may also contact any of the following people who have been involved in the development of the Yukon Prize:

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