

SEAN SMITH

Sean is a Kwanlin Dün citizen and was born and raised in Whitehorse. He is a First Nation's performing artist who grew up learning and understanding the diversity within the community. He runs and performs with a dance group based in Kwanlin, where we live. With his dance group he has created performances for Adaka Festival, Moosehide Gathering, Inland Tlingit Gathering and many more festivals. He has studied various methods of play writing and has worked with many artists on various sets. He continues to expand his experiences, working with dancers, as a spoken word poet and traditional song leader.



MARTHA RITCHIE

Martha works in her home based 'Inky Fingers Studio' in the small town of Haines Junction, Yukon. Nestled beside the spectacular St. Elias Mountains and surrounded by vast expanses of wilderness, she draws from nature for her inspiration and imagery. Her drawings and linocut prints are infused with energy and emotion while depicting simple narratives of northern life. Martha is an active member of the Yukon visual arts community where she continues to show and sell her artwork. It is present in public and private collections around the world.



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JACKIE IRVINE

"Make each day your work of art. Be true to yourself. Help others and give thanks."

Jackie was born and raised in Nova Scotia. She has been a proud Yukoner for 20 years. She considers this the greatest gift to her creativity.



The Yukon landscape is a constant source of peace and inspiration. She enjoys her family, painting daily, the great outdoors and sharing her joy of painting with others.

Living simply off-grid in a cabin located four hours northeast of Whitehorse feeds her creative process. The light, colour and movement of the natural world is the subject of many of Jackie's landscapes. Mediums used are acrylic, mixed media and watercolour.

Jackie is grateful for the beautiful wilderness she calls home. She welcomes opportunities to give back what she can through her paintbrush to her community and the world.

JULIA COTTLE

Julia is a self-taught artist who uses fibre to capture the colours and textures of the natural world. Using the punch needle to create small and large tapestries, she finds inspiration from her surroundings and is currently exploring the interplay and vibrancies of lichen and moss found in the Yukon.



LEIGHANN CHALYKOFF

Leighann is an emerging ceramic artist who believes in creating content that promotes engagement, encourages diverse voices, and benefits the community.



Ceramics—created with clay (earth) and water, and then baked with fire—is an artform closely connected to the natural world. Over the past few years Leighann has been building a body of work that is tied into the natural world. It includes Yukon animals and birds, Yukon plants, and Northern phenomena. She is part of Clay Tree Studio in Whitehorse, she volunteers as a Ceramic Technician at Arts Underground, and she has attended numerous ceramics conferences and events. She was the Jenni House Artist in Residence in June 2020.

SELINA HEYLINGERS-HARE

Selina is a Yukon based musician who has been described as a very soulful and versatile artist who plays moving originals and a wide range of covers. Her repertoire consists of a variety of musical styles from Stevie Wonder to Janis Joplin to Aretha Franklin. She has performed countless times in and around the Yukon, at many festivals and different events including: Atlin Arts and Music Festival, Adaka Cultural Festival, Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous, Blue Feather Music Festival, Sunstroke Music Festival, and many more. She is mainly a vocalist, pianist and guitarist with a diploma in Music and Technology from Selkirk College.



Selina is also a member of the funk band Major Funk and the Employment, who have toured all over Western Canada playing at many festivals including Kaslo Jazz Fest and Folk on the Rocks. In 2018 the band released their debut studio EP "Thoughts", they are currently working on their second.