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### Grants Awarded for September 15, 2019 Competition – Equinox Program

**December 3, 2019, Fredericton, NB** - The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) has released the results of its 2019 Equinox competition (deadline September 15, 2019). Grants totaling **\$ 27,258** were awarded by a jury of Indigenous artists. artsnb, along with its Indigenous partners and clients, are grateful to the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture for providing additional funds to artsnb to boost outreach throughout the province. The aim of this initiative is to encourage Indigenous artists to apply for funding, to help them with the application process, and to support them as they grow their practice.

#### **Equinox Program for Indigenous Artists**

The Equinox program supports Indigenous artists, curators and groups to engage in artistic creation and professional development. Eligible projects can range from (1) research and development for the creation of new works, (2) creation and presentation of artistic work and (3) activities that support and strengthen the Indigenous arts community.

#### **Research and Development**

Tara Audibert	Tobique First Nation	Media Arts	\$ 4,000
Allan Saulis	Tobique First Nation	Visual Arts	\$ 5,000

#### **Creation of New Work**

Patricia Barlow-Arcaro	Indian Island First Nation	Craft	\$ 1,560
Matthew Comeau	Elsipogtog First Nation	Music	\$ 4,448
Emma Hassencahl-Perley	Tobique First Nation	Visual Arts	\$ 3,000
Jolene Robichaud	Indian Island First Nation	Craft	\$ 3,500

#### **Connections**

Hubert Francis	Elsipogtog First Nation	Music	\$ 2,750
Rebecca Labillois	Ugpi’ganjig First Nation	Craft	\$ 3,000

<i><u>Applications Submitted</u></i>	<i><u>Grants Awarded</u></i>	<i><u>Success Rate</u></i>
17	8	47.1%

*4 out of 8 awardees (50.0%) had never previously received a grant from artsnb.*

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*The New Brunswick Arts Board is an arm’s length arts funding agency with a legislated mandate to facilitate and promote the creation of art as well as administering funding programs for professional artists in the province. Most of the funding for these programs is provided through the province’s Arts Development Trust Fund and by the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture.*