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Grants awarded for September 15, 2020 Competition – Equinox Program for Indigenous Artists

November 26, 2020 (Fredericton) – The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) is pleased to announce that all applications submitted in the Equinox competition have been approved by a multidisciplinary jury of Indigenous artists from NB. A record-breaking amount of **\$ 70,000** has been awarded in this program this year. This success is due in large part to the outreach efforts of Corrina Merasty, Indigenous Outreach Officer at artsnb. This position is supported through a pilot project in partnership with the Canada Council for the Arts and the New Brunswick Department of Heritage, Tourism and Culture.

The funds are distributed as follow:

Research and development

Brandon Mitchell	Fredericton (Listuguj First Nation)	Visual Arts	\$ 5,000
Possesom Paul	Saint Mary's First Nation	Dance	\$ 5,000

Creation of New Work

Raven-Chanelle Augustine	Elsipogtog First Nation	Craft	\$ 3,200
Tara Audibert	Sunny Corner (Tobique First Nation)	Media Arts	\$ 5,000
Kennlin Barlow	Indian Island First Nation	Media Arts	\$ 3,000
Natasha Barlow	Indian Island First Nation	Multidisciplinary	\$ 5,000
Angela Beek	Saint Mary's First Nation	Visual Arts	\$ 5,000
Tee Cloud	Metepenagiag First Nation	Music	\$ 5,000
Vienna Francis	Elsipogtog First Nation	Visual Arts	\$ 3,000
Nathan Gaffney	Fredericton (Tobique First Nation)	Visual Arts	\$ 5,000
Emma Hassencahl-Perley	Tobique First Nation	Visual Arts	\$ 2,300
Logan Perley	Fredericton (Tobique First Nation)	Media Arts	\$ 4,500
Dawson Sacobie	Saint Mary's First Nation	Music	\$ 3,000
Allan Saulis	Tobique First Nation	Visual Arts	\$ 3,000
Desmond Simon	Fredericton (Elsipogtog First Nation)	Visual Arts	\$ 5,000
Starlit Simon	Fredericton (Elsipogtog First Nation)	Visual Arts	\$ 5,000
John Thornton	Fredericton (Woodstock First Nation)	Media Arts	\$ 3,000

Connections

N/A – No applications received

Total awarded: \$ 70,000

<i>Applications Submitted</i>	<i>Grants Awarded</i>	<i>Success Rate</i>
17	17	100.0%

13 out of 17 awardees (76.5 %) had never previously received a grant from artsnb.

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.

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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.