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Grants awarded for September 15, 2023, Competition – Equinox Program for Indigenous Artists

November 21, 2023, Fredericton – The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) has released the results of the September 15, 2023, competition for the Equinox Program. A total of **thirteen (13)** grants were awarded, amounting to **\$50,115**. The funds are distributed as follows:

Connections

Blake Francis	Natoaganeg	Music	\$4,202
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Creation of New Work

Audrey Arsenault	Fredericton	Craft	\$3,750
Asha Bear	Neqotkuk	Media arts	\$2,125
Melissa Dedam	Main River	Craf	\$5,000
Catherine Desjardins	McLeod Hill	Music	\$3,800
Francine Francis	Metepenagiag	Visual Arts	\$2,700
Robert Johnston	Durham Bridge	Visual arts	\$3,538
Brian Palmater	Cocagne	Multidisciplinary Arts	\$3,750
Sarah Sappier	Neqotkuk	Craft	\$3,750
Sierra Saulis	Neqotkuk	Craft	\$3,750

Research and Development

Natasha Martin-Mitchell	Fredericton	Multidisciplinary Arts	\$5,000
Brandon Mitchell	Fredericton	Literary Arts	\$5,000
Marsha Vicaire	Dieppe	Craft	\$3,750

<u>Applications Submitted</u>	<u>Grants Awarded</u>	<u>Success Rate</u>
13	13	100.0%

7 out of 13 awardees (53.8 %) had never previously received a grant from artsnb.

Distribution by artistic discipline

The number of applications submitted per discipline for this competition of the Equinox program is as follows: 0 in architecture, 5 in craft, 0 in dance, 1 in literary arts, 1 in media arts, 2 in multidisciplinary arts, 2 in music, 0 in theatre, and 2 in visual arts. Additional information is available on the distribution of grants per artistic discipline for this competition [here](#).

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. For more information on this program, visit artsnb’s [website](#).



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. The funding for these programs is provided through the province's Arts Development Trust Fund and by the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture.

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