Statement

Premier Congratulates Order of Nunavut Recipients

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Premier Eva Aariak today released the following statement:

"I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Kenojuak Ashevak and Charlie Panigoniak on their appointments to the Order of Nunavut.

Both Ms. Ashevak and Mr. Panigoniak are internationally distinguished artists who have significantly contributed to Inuit art and culture.

Kenojuak Ashevak is an accomplished artist with many awards and honours. Her talent and skills are constantly shown through her drawings, prints, carvings and etchings. Ms. Ashevak became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1967, followed by a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1982.

Charlie Panigoniak is a skilled singer, songwriter, guitarist and broadcaster from the Kivalliq. He has been performing and recording music that reflects the North since the late 1960s. Mr. Panigoniak's talents have brought him to perform at several festivals and events throughout Canada and abroad.

Congratulations to these two deserving recipients of the Order of Nunavut."

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