

Public Service Announcement

Nunavut Inuit artists selected to the inaugural Nunavut Artist in Residence Program

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The Government of Nunavut's Department of Culture and Heritage is pleased to announce the selection of three Inuit artists for the inaugural Nunavut Artist in Residence Program hosted at the Winnipeg Art Gallery – Qaumajuq.

A committee consisting of representatives from the Government of Nunavut, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the WAG-Qaumajuq selected one artist from each of the three regions in Nunavut.

The Nunavut Artist in Residence Program offers Inuit artists the opportunity to develop their art through experimentation without the pressure to present a finished body of work, as well as the chance to engage with the community through weekly public events.

This residency will be a four-week long post and the selected artists will receive a \$10,000 artist fee, per diems, and accommodations within walking distance to the gallery. They will also have daily access to studio space at WAG-Qaumajuq and the gallery's media arts equipment and facilities.

The selected artists are: Aghalingiak Ohokannoak from Cambridge Bay, Eva Qirniq Noah from Baker Lake, and Dayle Kubluitok from Iqaluit.

Aghalingiak Ohokannoak, a Bachelor of Fine Arts graduate, specializes in multimedia and digital art with a recent focus on and research into Inuit traditional tattoo history and embodied practices.

Eva Qirniq-Noah, a textile artist whose work features in various museum collections, finds healing through art. Drawing inspiration from Inuit storytelling, she plans to explore new mediums, including acrylic painting.

Dayle Kubluitok, drawing inspiration from their Inuit and Dene roots, is an illustrator and digital artist merging traditional narratives and contemporary pop culture, creating art that bridges the ancestral part with today's digital age.

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