

Public Service Announcement

2025 Qilaut Inuktut songwriting contest winners chosen

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The Department of Culture and Heritage is pleased to announce the winners of Qilaut 2025. The Qilaut Inuktitut songwriting contest celebrates Nunavut's vibrant Inuktitut music scene and promotes the use of Inuktitut. For the 10th edition of Qilaut, the themes are *Piruaqsatillunga* and *Inuit Sanasimajangit*.

The department received 31 submissions, and a peer panel judged the songs on originality, creativity, melody and lyrics. The judges included Jo Ellen Pameolik, Jerry Puglik, Julia Haogok Ogina and Joshua Haulli.

The Qilaut 2025 winners are:

- 1st – *Attanangittumi* – Tooma Laisa, Iqaluit (*Piruksatillunga*)
- 2nd – *Iqqaumavit Ivvi Inuusinganit* – Kristy Kanayuk, Iqaluit (*Piruksatillunga*)
- 3rd – *Nattirasugiaq* – Leetia Kalluk, Arctic Bay (*Piruksatillunga*)
- 4th – *Piruksatillunga* – Jocelyn Malla, Coral Harbour (*Piruksatillunga*)
- 5th – *Aatikuluga* – Mikka Komaksiutiksak, Whale Cove (*Inuit Sanasimajangit*)
- 6th – *Kinaunira, Pijunnarnira* – Eli Qaqqasiq-Taqtu, Iqaluit (*Inuit Sanasimajangit*)
- 7th – *Tamaani Piruksallunga* – Jocelyn Malla, Coral Harbour (*Piruksatillunga*)
- 8th – *Sivullivut* – Randy Kukuvak Angilirq, Igloolik (*Inuit Sanasimajangit*)
- 9th – *Papu* – Leo Matthew Temela, Kimmirut (*Piruksatillunga*)
- 10th – *Isumaluannqilluti* – Leo Matthew Temela, Kimmirut (*Piruksatillunga*)

The top three winners will receive \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,500 respectively, and the seven runners-up each receive \$500. All 10 songs will be professionally recorded, and the CD will be released in the fall of 2025. Three concerts will be held throughout Nunavut to celebrate 10 years of Qilaut.

To learn more about Qilaut and for more information on the concerts, please visit the Government of Nunavut website: <https://www.gov.nu.ca/en/culture-language-heritage-and-art/2025-qilaut>.

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