

Arts Council receives \$10k for cultural work

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The Flin Flon Arts Council has received a \$10,000 financial boost from the Manitoba Arts Council for the organization's work at recognizing rural artists.

The arts council was one of four recipients of the provincial body's Prizes in the Arts. Each of the four winners were nominated by an outside body and selected by a jury of Manitoba arts community figures.

Flin Flon's group received the Rural Recognition award for its work in promoting local and regional talent. The award is handed out every two years to a rural group or artist that promotes culture and arts.

"The Flin Flon Arts Council believes that arts and culture are the heart of any community," said Rose-Anne Harder from the Manitoba Arts Network, the group that nominated Flin Flon for the award.

"They provide numerous initiatives to support and promote arts and culture in their community including donating complimentary tickets to students and seniors. Always searching for new youth initiatives, the FFAC is one of the few art councils that has a youth representative on its board."

"Because of the FFAC, Flin Flon has proven to be a driving cultural force in northern Manitoba."

"It was wonderful of them to consider that for us and we won," said arts council cultural coordinator Crystal Kolt.

Arts council POLL

What would you like to see the Flin Flon Arts Council do next?

- One of the acts that visited Flin Flon recently
- More major productions like musicals and festivals
- More shows involving Flin Flon performers
- Expanding existing events like Culture Days and Blueberry Jam
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"It's really quite an honour. A group of us are going to be heading down to Winnipeg for the awards ceremony on June 18 and just celebrate. It's nice to be able to have provincial recognition on what we're working very hard on doing, which is supporting our cultural community and the community at large. We've been working hard at providing that kind of excellence up here. It's just wonderful to actually have some of the eyes of the south looking north and being recognized."

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