



Press Release

CIRQINIQ SUMMER CAMP: GRANDE FINALE

Kuujuuaq, Québec, July 6, 2012 – Nunavik youth shone at the grand finale of the 2012 Cirqiniq Summer Camp in Kuujuuaq yesterday. Over 55 youth from across the region participated in an evening performance. The performers began their show with a parade in full costume through the streets of the community.

Tight-wire walking, straps, aerial acrobatics, juggling, beat-boxing and much more were on the program at the Planet and Universe performance that closed the third annual Cirqiniq Summer Camp. A highlight of the performance were two 15-foot puppets made of papier mâché, wood and fabric. The two puppets were created by a number of youth participants during a special workshop given at the camp. Paintings done by participants during the week were also part of the backdrop for the performance.

“The youth at this summer camp impressed us with their creative ideas and their willingness and eagerness to learn new things,” said Karin Kettler, the Recreation Advisor for Arts and Culture at the Kativik Regional Government (KRG). “More than 30% of last year’s participants came to this year’s camp and we hope that this interest will continue to grow.” Cirqiniq Summer Camp partners included Cirque du Soleil, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services, First Air, Air Inuit, Tamaani Internet, the Makivik Corporation and Nunacell, a Makivik subsidiary.

Coordinated by the KRG Recreation Department since 2009, the Cirqiniq Program is implemented in close collaboration with Cirque du Soleil. One goal of the Program is to create a sustainable social circus run by youth. The Cirqiniq Program is funded in large part through the Ungaluk Program for safer communities under the *Partnership Agreement on Economic and Community Development in Nunavik* (Sanarrutik Agreement).

The KRG is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development.

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