

Public Service Announcement

2022 Qilaut Inuktut songwriting contest winners

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The Department of Culture and Heritage is pleased to announce the winners of Qilaut 2022. The Qilaut Inuktut songwriting contest celebrates Nunavut's vibrant Inuktut music scene and promotes the use of Inuktut in all areas of daily life.

The department received more than 30 submissions and the songs were judged by a peer-panel based on originality, creativity, melody and lyrics. The judges included Leena Evic, Mary Poisey, and Jo Ellen Pameolik.

The winning songs are:

1st - Jocelyn Ukutak Malla Kajjaarijara

2nd - Rosalie Pissuk Siqiniq Qaumalirivuq

3rd - Rosalie Pissuk Tariurmi Sukkaitumik Kaggaaraqtuq

4th - Shawna Seeteenak Malinnga

5th - Abraham Eetak *Takugakkit*

6th - Eva Okatsiak *Anaanaga tuksiaqpuq*

7th - Jocelyn Arreak *Kajjaarijakka*

8th - Abraham Eetak *Quvianaqtuq*

9th - Joanasie Aglak *Inuusivut Aksurungnaqtuq*

10th - Eli Qaqqasiq-Taqtu *Upinngaarainnuk*

The top three winners will receive \$5,000, \$2,500, and \$1,500 respectively, and the seven runners-up receive \$500 each. All 10 songs will be professionally recorded, and a CD will be released featuring the winning songs.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Qilaut 2022. The judges were very impressed by everyone's talent and creativity. Look out for Qilaut 2023 in the fall!

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