2016 Qilaut Inuktut children’s songwriting winners

The Department of Culture and Heritage is pleased to announce the winners of Qilaut 2016. The *Qilaut* Inuktut children’s songwriting contest celebrates Nunavut’s vibrant Inuktut music scene and promotes the use of Inuktut in all areas of daily life.

Fifteen songs were submitted by emerging and well-seasoned Nunavut musicians. The songs were evaluated on their originality, creativity, melody and lyrics. The winning songs are:

1. *786*, by Becky Han and Tracy May
2. *Qaariaq*, by Becky Han and Tracy May
3. *Paurit Qajaqturit*, by Looee Arreak
4. *Uumajuit Uqausingit*, by Looee Arreak
5. *Uvangaugiaq Quviakkama*, by Looee Arreak
6. *Quviasuliqpunga Ilingniarniarama*, by Joan Friesen and Pallulaaq Friesen
7. *Upin nga’haaq*, by Gordon Kaniak and Ben Timmins
8. *Silamut Anigama*, by the Early Childhood Education Program students (Iqaluit)
9. *Inuktitut Uqausira*, by Looee Arreak
10. *Surusikuluulluni Niviaqsiakuluulluni*, by Daniel Taukie

The top three winners will respectively receive $5,000, $2,500 and $1,500, and the seven runners-up receive $500 each. All ten songs will be professionally recorded, and the CD will be released in February during the *2017 Uqausirmut Quviasuutiqarniq*, Nunavut’s annual celebration of Inuktut.

Thank you to everyone who submitted songs and congratulations to all of the winners!

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