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Hall Beach

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EVENT: Winners of QIA's song/poem contest

The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) is excited to announce the winners of our Inuktitut song/poem contest.

The contest, which was part of our Inuktitut Language month activities, solicited entries from all over Qikiqtani.

The contest winners are:

- First prize, \$400 winner
 - 18-year-old Leetia Kalluk from Arctic Bay
 - She is currently in Ottawa studying at Nunavut Sivuniksavut
 - Her sweet song about love and longing made a huge impression on our selection committee.
 - Leetia submitted an MP3 of her song

- Second prize, \$300 winner
 - 21-year-old Jerry Laisa originally from Pangnirtung
 - Jerry works as a security guard at the Mary River mine
 - His song of heartbreak was an instant hit among our selection committee members
 - Jerry submitted a Facebook video of his song

- Third prize, \$200 winner
 - 14-year-old Ben Qaqqasiq from Pangnirtung
 - Ben who is still in high school is an accomplished accordion and piano player
 - He performed at last year's Alleanait Arts Festival
 - Ben submitted a poem via Twitter

Copies of the winning submissions are available on the QIA Facebook (www.facebook.com/QikiqtaniInuit/) and Twitter (@Qikiqtani_Inuit) pages.

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