

AN ARCTIC EVENING



A fundraiser and a celebration, a first for the Ayalik Fund – It was a fantastic evening of Inuit cultural performance, eclectic music, conversation & discovery, food & drink. Upwards of 150 people attended the event at an art gallery in Ottawa, which raised close to \$20,000, all of which goes to programs for Inuit youth. Entertainers provided a diversity of song and dance. For many in the audience it was the first time to experience Inuit throat-singing and drumming, and the lighting of the qulliq. The highlight of the silent auction was a berth on Adventure Canada’s expedition ship next summer for a 13-day voyage into the “Heart of the Arctic.” All in all, it was an unforgettable evening.

Some quotes from those who attended:

“A perfect night in honour of your beautiful son” – *Michelle*

“Such an incredible time” – *Mary*

“An unexpected magical evening” – *Suzanne*

“The Ayalik fund is already doing wonderful things – it can only grow from here” – *Robyn*



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Two Nunavut Sivuniksavut students demonstrated traditional Inuit throat-singing



Canadian singer & songwriter, Moon Joyce



Adventurer, playwright, musician, Ian Tambllyn