



KugArt



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Much gratitude and love also to the wonderful community of Kugluktuk who came to see the art, encouraged the artists, and purchased pieces for their personal collections. And finally, to the children and youth of Kugluktuk, whose humour, perseverance and grit made watching you work a pleasure and a dream.



## Introduction

There is a creative energy to the seasonal rhythms of the North. As cold and darkness sweep over the land each Fall, the community settles into the work of making: women sew up new mitts, kamiik, and parkas for their loved ones; teachers and students collaborate on class projects; the gear that was used all summer is ready to be mended. It was in the busyness and cosyness of this creative season that we launched KugArt, a pilot project aimed at providing a supportive space and studio-quality art materials to the children and youth of Kugluktuk.

The program ran after school in the Kugluktuk High School library, alongside Inuit games and table tennis practice, and welcomed participants ranging from three to nineteen years old. Throughout the Fall and Winter months, young artists developed skills in painting, drawing, and printmaking. They stretched their own canvases, carved images for block printing, practiced colour blending with pastels, and, of course, developed the valuable life skill of cleaning up after themselves!



As Spring approached, the excitement over the return of the sun and the upcoming Nattiq Frolics lent a productive buzz to the KugArt studio sessions. On sunny Saturdays leading up to the exhibition of their artworks, a number of artists came faithfully to the library to complete their projects, while those whose work was completed were eager to play out on the gorgeous ice and tundra.

It was a pleasure to curate a selection of the works produced through this program in a public exhibition at the Kugluktuk Heritage Visitor Centre. The delightful honesty, imagination and playful spirits of the participating artists are evident in the work presented in this catalogue. It is my hope that this collection will be an inspiration to the young artists of Kugluktuk to continue pursuing their creative work and expressing themselves through the making of beautiful things.

*Laura Ajayi - KugArt Facilitator*





drawing



Cameron Atatahak, *Camping*, pastel on paper, 2015



Willow Harvey, *Untitled*, pastel on paper, 2015





Avery Kaguna, *I Went to Play Out with Anna and Me*, pastel on paper, 2015



Anna Okheena, *I Went to Play Out with Avery*, pastel on paper, 2015



Cameron Atatahak, *Northern Lights*, pastel on paper, 2015



Presann Aklok, *Dogsled and Fire*, pastel on paper, 2015





Devon Miyok, *Sky*, pastel on paper, 2015



Peter Ongahak, *Untitled*, pastel on paper, 2015





June Stirrett, *Three Girls*, pastel on paper, 2015



Suma Klengenberg, *Orange Pink Flower*, pastel on paper, 2015



Dora Kelley Bolt, *Walking Outside*, pastel on paper, 2015

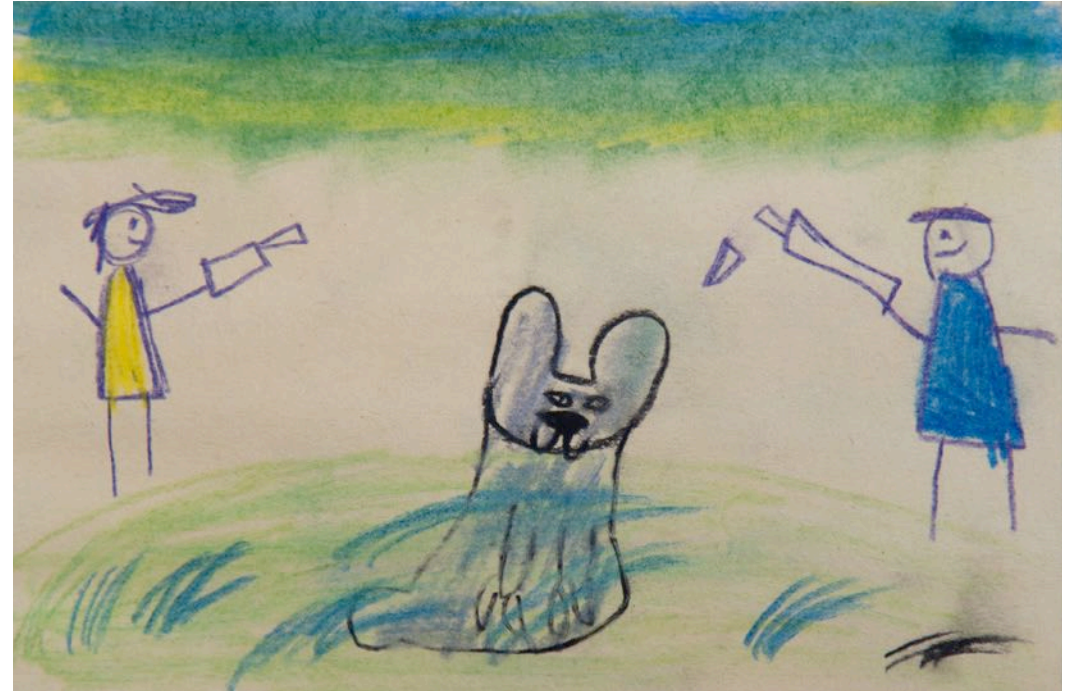


Destyni Atatahak, *Polar Bear*, pastel on paper, 2015





June Stirrett & Tabitha Stirrett, *Wolf*, pastel on paper, 2015



June Stirrett, *People Hunt Rabbit*, pastel on paper, 2015



Carah Okheena, *Frolics*, pastel on paper, 2015



An abstract painting featuring a central house with a green roof and blue walls, set against a background of dark, swirling colors. The word "painting" is overlaid in white text with a horizontal line underneath. The painting style is expressive, with visible brushstrokes and a rich, textured surface. The colors are primarily dark blues, greens, and purples, with some lighter areas in the center and foreground.

painting



Sophie Kokak, *Summertime*, acrylic on canvas, 2015



Faith Kokak, *Untitled*, acrylic on canvas, 2015





Savannah Egotak, *The Art of Art*, acrylic on canvas, 2015



Mariah Evyagotailak, *Nature*, acrylic on canvas, 2015



Suma Klengenberg, *The Flower*, acrylic on canvas, 2015



Ambrelle Miyok, *A Flower Standing By Itself*, acrylic on canvas, 2015

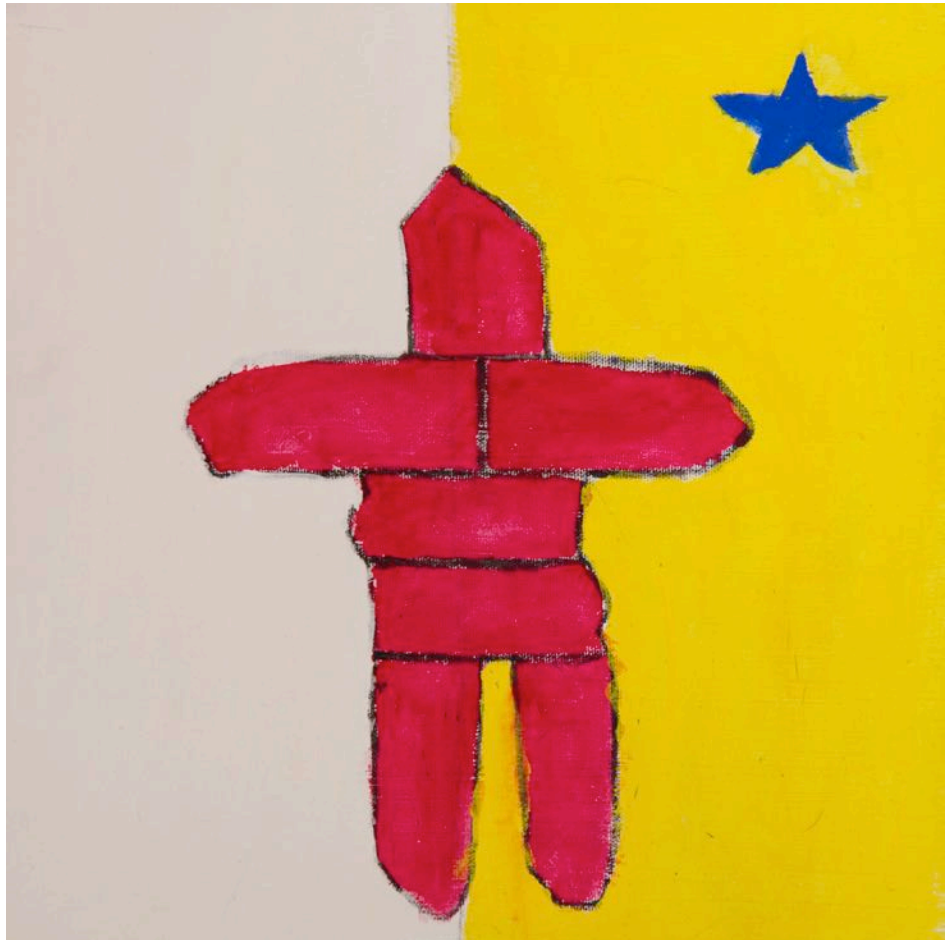




Carson Egotak, *Untitled*, acrylic on canvas, 2015



Ambrelle Miyok, *Kamiks*, acrylic on canvas, 2015



Deborah Allen, *The Nunavut Flag*, acrylic on canvas, 2015



Sarah Elatiak, *Sun Rising*, acrylic on canvas, 2015





Mason Egotak, *Sled*, acrylic on canvas board, 2015



JJ, *Untitled*, acrylic on canvas board, 2015



Dixie Ayalik, *Untitled*, acrylic on canvas board, 2015



Destyni Atatahak & Blake Ilgok, *Meteor Shower*, acrylic on canvas boardr, 2015





Mika Angohitak, *Nattiq Frolics*, acrylic on canvas, 2015



Carlyn Atatahak, *Hearts*, acrylic on canvas board, 2015





Jennifer Evaglok, *Untitled*, acrylic on canvas, 2015



Winston Allen, *Winston's House*, acrylic on canvas, 2015





Rai Allukpik, *Untitled*, acrylic on canvas board, 2015



Amber Ongahak, *Sunset is Rising*, acrylic on canvas, 2015

printmaking







Danika Klengenberg, *Love*, Linocut on paper, 2014



Blake Ilgok, *Heart*, Linocut on paper, 2014



Tabitha Stirrett, *Wolf*, Linocut on paper, 2014



Mason Egotak, *Untitled*, Linocut on paper, 2014





Megan Case, *KHS*, Linocut on paper, 2014



Elisha Kadlun, *Ookpik*, Linocut on paper, 2014



Suma Klengenberg, *The Seal Walker*, Linocut on paper, 2014

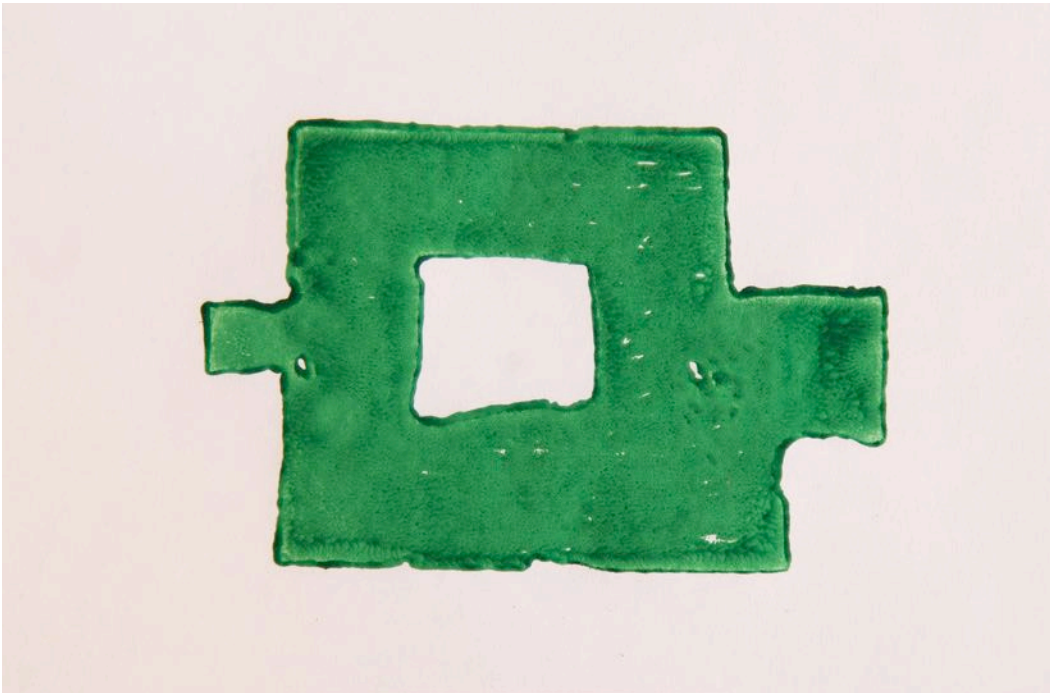


June Stirrett, *Rabbit*, Linocut on paper, 2014





Elisha Kadlun, *Ulu*, Linocut on paper, 2014



Alex K., *Untitled*, Linocut on paper, 2014



Adam Tiktalek, *Inukshuk*, Linocut on paper, 2014



