

Mr, James Fleck
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RE: *Northern Lights: Urban Inuit Art in Canada*

Dear Mr. Fleck,

I, in partnership with the featured Inuit artists, am pleased to present this proposal for your review. We look forward to adding you to our existing collaboration to publish *Northern Lights: Urban Inuit Art in Canada*, a fantastic collection of Canadian urban Inuit artwork. I have been interviewing the artists and photographing their artwork for the last five years, and we finally have something genuinely representative of the urban Inuit experience while living in Canada's cities. The objectives in producing this book are to bring not just the beautiful pieces to the attention of fellow Canadians, and showcase the wealth of talent in these artists, but to capture the viewpoints of urban Intuits in a lasting format.

Northern Lights: Urban Inuit Art in Canada features brief stories about the experiences of the artists, and why their art is essential to them while capturing the carvings, sculptures, graffiti, murals, paintings, and textile/leatherwork that express these experiences artistically. Many artists relocate to urban areas for reasons other than an actual desire to live in cities. Their artwork is a mixture of longings for the northern homes they grew up in, their Inuit culture, and nature while often utilizing the unique canvases of the urban environment such as concrete walls or steel. The art they create is unique to their heritage and life experiences.

Our goal is to see the book published, preserving these artworks, many of which are temporary, for generations to come. We hope that by having the book published, we will make the art more accessible and permanent. Our proposal requests \$12,320 in funding to have 1000 copies of the book published under the Canadian Museum of History name, in full-colour, glossy 8.5x11 hardcover format. As *Northern Lights: Urban Inuit Art in Canada* features Inuit Canadian artists and their works, we feel it supports the vision of the Canadian Museum of History to preserve and share Canadian heritage while inspiring and entertaining others in the process.

We appreciate the Canadian Museum of History taking an interest in helping us bring the unique perspectives of urban Inuits to our fellow Canadians. Please give me a call at 613-123-4567 x890 if you require any further assistance or have any questions regarding this proposal.

Thank you.

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