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# Public Service Announcement

## Qilaut songwriting contest returns for 2022

**Start Date:** July 25, 2022

**End Date:** October 3, 2022

**Nunavut-wide**

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Are you an aspiring songwriter? Do you like writing and performing your songs in Inuktitut?

The Department of Culture and Heritage is now accepting submissions for Qilaut 2022, Nunavut's annual Inuktitut songwriting contest. The year's theme is 'Kajjaarijara'.

Since its inception, *Qilaut* has continued to celebrate Nunavut's vibrant Inuktitut music scene and promote the use of Inuktitut. Through this contest, Nunavummiut are contributing to the vibrancy, revitalization, and preservation of the Inuit culture and language. For seven years *Qilaut* has inspired singers and songwriters across Nunavut to write over 70 original Inuktitut songs.

Nunavummiut are invited to submit original Inuktitut songs to have the opportunity to win cash prizes – first prize, \$5,000, second prize, \$2,500, and third prize, \$1,500 and seven prizes of \$500 for runners up. Winning submissions will be recorded professionally for a compilation album that will be distributed in 2023.

To view official contest rules, requirements for applications and to learn about this year's theme, visit <https://bit.ly/Qilaut2022>. To listen to previous years' winners, visit <https://www.gov.nu.ca/culture-and-heritage/information/qilaut>.

All submissions can be sent to [qilaut@gmail.com](mailto:qilaut@gmail.com). The deadline to apply is October 3, 2022.

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