

## AINA NEWS

*Artist in Residence at KLRS*

The Kluane Lake Research Station (KLRS) welcomed Megan Leung as its artist in residence in 2022. Megan conducted workshops with KLRS guests, was invited to run a workshop at the Northern Nights Festival at Kluane National Park, and produced a painting entitled, “Kluane’s Symphony” that depicts interdisciplinary science conducted in the region (Fig. 1).



FIG. 1. *Kluane’s Symphony*.

Megan writes:

*Kluane’s Symphony* illustrates how the expansive landscape of Lhù’àn Mán (Kluane Lake) and all the meaningful work that researchers, youth groups, and community members I had the honour of spending time on the land with inspired me. This piece begins with the extensive roots systems of the diverse flora and fauna of the subarctic boreal forest, including the vibrant fireweed of the Yukon, migrating to the shores of the deep turquoise glacial waters, rich with Arctic graylings, rainbow trout, and mountain whitefish. These waters are connected to the land by the fluxes of surface and subsurface water flow as well as large game that hunt them, many of which travel to much higher elevations where Thechàl Dhâl (Sheep Mountain) overlooks these braided waters fed by the sweeping Kaskawulsh Glacier via the Ä’äy Chù (Slims River). At night the aurora borealis dances through the dark skies while all other complex organisms that originated from eukaryotic cells are at rest.

*Student Interns at KLRS*

A Students on Ice Foundation coordinator at KLRS, Kristina Miller, supported two senior year undergraduate student interns on a hydrology project through the OceanWise Direct Action program this summer. Interns Alissa Sallans and Faye Perchanok worked on a monitoring project to collect stream discharge data using timed game cameras. They also shadowed other researchers, led learning modules for high school field school students from Wood Street Centre school in Whitehorse, and put together a poster that was displayed at the station’s open house. Alissa was later interviewed by the Students on Ice Foundation about her time at KLRS (<https://soifoundation.org/en/youth-on-board-alissa-sallans-internship-at-the-kluane-lake-research-station/>).