

# Alaska State Arts Council awards \$48,000 in grants

The Alaska State Council on the Arts awarded \$48,000 in grant funds at its spring meeting in Juneau last month.

Initiative grants of \$8,000 each for the creation and presentation of new work by Alaskan artists were awarded by the council to the following organizations in the second year of the programs:

- The Visual Arts Center of Alaska for "Crossroads Alaska: "Ephemeral Sculpture International" during which six Alaskan artists will create and install temporary site specific sculpture at the Park Strip in downtown Anchorage. A symposium involving internationally recognized sculptors will be held in conjunction with the event.

- Perseverance Theatre of Douglas for an Alaskan Playwright's Residency and Festival. Up to 10 Alaskan writers will be involved in the project, which

will culminate in staged readings at Perseverance Theatre of the new work produced.

- The Juneau Arts and Humanities Council for a collaborative exhibit of the work of the Arts R Us visual artists group.

- The Fairbanks Symphony Association for an Alaskan Composers in Residence project.

- The Fairbanks Arts Association for "ASCA Fellowships in Literature: A Literary Anthology," which will include new work written by the 23 artists who were awarded State Arts Council literary arts fellowships from 1979 through 1987.

- The Anchorage Symphony Orchestra for "Celebrations: Symphony No. 2 for Orchestra. The project marks the first time a new piece of music has been specifically commissioned by the Anchorage Symphony.