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Objects from The Far North exhibition

THE FAR NORTH: 2000 YEARS OF AMERICAN ESKIMO AND INDIAN ART

A new loan exhibition believed to be the first of its kind devoted to the indigenous art of the Alaskan region from prehistoric times to the beginning of the 20th century premieres at the National Gallery of Art on March 8. Three hundred sixty-five works will be shown from art produced by natives of the four principal Alaskan cultures: Eskimos, Aleuts, and Tlingit and Athabaskan Indians. Among them are masks and helmets; carved and painted chests, boxes and split-willow baskets; ceremonial gowns of puffin and cormorant skins; works of carved ivory; rare beaded fishing hats; costumes of sealskin, walrus-gut and buckskin; and a prehistoric ivory burial mask. The earliest objects are from the Okvik phase of prehistoric Eskimo culture and include some of the famous ivory "madonnas," considered to be among the most beautiful figures in primitive art. Loans to the exhibition have been made from national collections in the Soviet Union, Finland, Denmark, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Scotland, and Ireland, as well as some two dozen museums in the United States and Canada.

The exhibition has been organized in conjunction with the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art in Fort Worth, Texas. The selections were made by Mitchell A. Wilder, Director of the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art, in cooperation with Dr. Erna Gunther, formerly Professor of Anthropology at the University of Washington, Henry B. Collins, Archaeologist Emeritus at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, and Douglas Lewis, Curator of Sculpture at the National Gallery on May 15, the exhibition will travel to the Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum, Alaska; the Portland Museum of Art, Oregon; and the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art, Fort Worth, Texas.

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SPECIAL EXHIBITION CATALOG

The National Gallery has published a 320-page catalog to accompany the exhibition *The Far North: 2000 Years of American Eskimo and Indian Art.* Each object in the exhibition is illustrated, with 15 in full color. Also included are scholarly essays written by Henry B. Collins of the Smithsonian Institution; Frederica De Laguna, Professor of Anthropology, Bryn Mawr College; Peter Stone, Research Fellow, Smithsonian Institution; and Edmund Carpenter, Professor of Anthropology, The New School for Social Research, New York. Three descriptive maps of the Alaskan lands were specially made for the catalog, enlargements of which will also be used in the exhibition. In addition to the catalog, there will be a 22" x 33" color poster and a portfolio of giant post cards of 15 objects in color.

THE FAR NORTH LECTURES AND TOURS

During March all four Sunday auditorium lectures, given by distinguished scholars of Eskimo or Indian culture. will be related to the Gallery's new exhibition. On March 4, the Sunday before the exhibition opens, Mitchell A. Wilder, Director of the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art, Fort Worth, the prime organizer of the exhibition, will speak on the early history of Alaska and the collecting of Alaskan art. Other Sunday lectures in connection with the exhibition will be given by Froelich Rainey, Director of The University Museum, Philadelphia; Edmund Carpenter, Professor of Anthropology, The New School for Social Research, New York; and Erna Gunther, Former Professor of Anthropology, University of Washington. Tours of the Week on The Far North exhibition will begin on March 13 and continue into April. (See weekly listings for titles and times.)

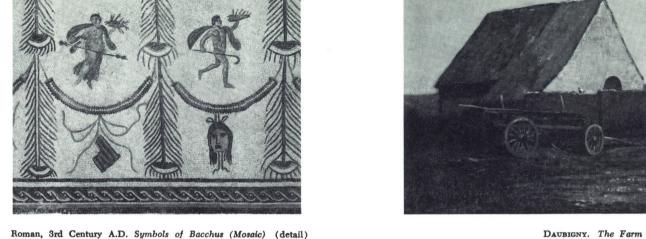
SPECIAL FILMS

In conjunction with *The Far North*, a special group of films will be shown in the auditorium. Although nearly all the objects in the exhibition were made prior to the 20th century, these motion pictures of the vast Alaskan landscape, of its contemporary Indian and Eskimo peoples, and of their arts and crafts contribute significantly to an understanding of the early cultures. Besides the film showings for the general public, programs especially designed for young people will be shown on Saturday mornings when the auditorium is available. On the first two Saturdays, *Wilderness Journey*, a feature-length film about an Alaskan Tlingit Indian boy, will be screened.

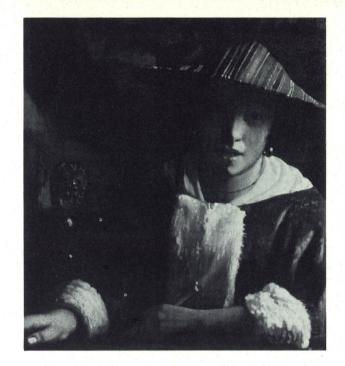
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DAUBIGNY. The Farm (detail)



VERMEER. Young Girl with a Flute



VAN DYCK. Marchesa Balbi

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MONDAY, February 26, through SUNDAY, March 4

†OBJECT OF THE WEEK

Symbols of Bacchus as God of Wine and the Theater (Mosaic). Roman, 3rd Century A.D. (Gift of His Excellency Habib Bourguiba) Gallery 26 Tues. through Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00

TOUR OF THE WEEK

Western Art: Man's Relation to Nature. Rotunda Tues. through Sat. 1:00; Sun. 2:30

TOUR

Introduction to the Collection. Rotunda Mon. through Sat. 11:00 & 3:00; Sun. 5:00

SUNDAY LECTURE

Discovering Alaska Speaker: Mitchell A. Wilder Director Amon Carter Museum of Western Art, Fort Worth Auditorium 4:00

SUNDAY CONCERT

Beverly Somach, Violinist Linda Sweetman, Pianist East Garden Court 7:00

†8" x 10" black-and-white photographs for sale this week—75¢ each; descriptive text available at no charge. *11" x 14" color reproductions with texts for sale this week-25¢ each. If mailed, 35¢ each.

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MONDAY, March 5, through SUNDAY, March 11

*PAINTING OF THE WEEK

Daubigny. The Farm (Chester Dale Collection) Gallery 91 Tues. through Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00

TOUR OF THE WEEK

Western Art: Man and His Imagination. Rotunda Tues. through Sat. 1:00; Sun. 2:30

TOUR

Introduction to the Collection. Rotunda Mon. through Sat. 11:00 & 3:00; Sun. 5:00

SUNDAY LECTURE

Archaeology of the Arctic Speaker: Froelich Rainey Director The University Museum, Philadelphia Auditorium 4:00

SUNDAY CONCERT

Shenandoah Conservatory Concert Choir David R. Stutzenberger, Director East Garden Court 7:00

The gallery is open weekdays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays, 12 noon to 9:00 p.m.

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MONDAY, March 12, through SUNDAY, March 18

*PAINTING OF THE WEEK

Vermeer. Young Girl with a Flute (Widener Collection) Gallery 44 Tues, through Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00

TOUR OF THE WEEK

The Far North Exhibition: Introduction to the Cultures Constitution Avenue Lobby Tues. through Sat. 1:00; Sun. 2:30

TOUR

Introduction to the Collection. Rotunda Mon. through Sat. 11:00 & 3:00; Sun. 5:00

FILMS on the Far North

The Living Stone and The Alaskan Eskimo Tues. & Thurs. 11:00 & 1:00; Sat. 2:00 Wilderness Journey (Young People's Program) Sat. 10:30

SUNDAY LECTURE

Between Two Worlds: The Story of a Tlingit Indian Speaker: Edmund Carpenter Professor of Anthropology
The New School for Social Research, New York Auditorium 4:00

SUNDAY CONCERT

National Gallery Orchestra Richard Bales, Conductor Robert Freeman, Pianist East Garden Court 7:00

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MONDAY, March 19, through SUNDAY, March 25

*PAINTING OF THE WEEK

Van Dyck. Marchesa Balbi (Andrew W. Mellon Collection) Gallery 42 Tues. through Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00

TOUR OF THE WEEK

The Far North Exhibition: Eskimo Art Constitution Avenue Lobby Tues. through Sat. 1:00; Sun. 2:30

Introduction to the Collection. Rotunda Mon. through Sat. 11:00 & 3:00; Sun. 5:00

FILMS on the Far North

The Loon's Necklace and Land of the Long Day Tues. & Thurs. 11:00 & 1:00; Sat. 2:00 Wilderness Journey (Young People's Program) Sat. 10:30

SUNDAY LECTURE

Two Approaches to the Supernatural: Eskimo and Northwest Coast Indian Speaker: Erna Gunther Former Professor of Anthropology, University of Washington Author and Lecturer, Seattle Auditorium 4:00

SUNDAY CONCERT

National Gallery Orchestra Richard Bales, Conductor Frances Burnett, Pianist East Garden Court 7:00