CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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 of Art. After closing 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.

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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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

TOUR OF THE WEEK
Western Art: Man's Relation to Nature. Rotunda

TOUR
Introduction to the Collection. Rotunda

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

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

8½" x 11" black-and-white photographs for sale this week—$1 each; descriptive text available at no charge.

MONDAY, March 5, through SUNDAY, March 11

*PAINTING OF THE WEEK
Daubigny. The Farm (Chester Dale Collection) Gallery 91

TOUR OF THE WEEK
Western Art: Man and His Imagination. Rotunda

TOUR
Introduction to the Collection. Rotunda

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.

MONDAY, March 12, through SUNDAY, March 18

*PAINTING OF THE WEEK
Vermeer. Young Girl with a Flute (Widener Collection) Gallery 44

TOUR OF THE WEEK
The Far North Exhibition: Introduction to the Cultures
Constitution Avenue Lobby

TOUR
Introduction to the Collection. Rotunda

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

MONDAY, March 19, through SUNDAY, March 25

*PAINTING OF THE WEEK
Van Dyck. Marchesa Balbi (Andrew W. Mellon Collection) Gallery 42

TOUR OF THE WEEK
The Far North Exhibition: Eskimo Art
Constitution Avenue Lobby

TOUR
Introduction to the Collection. Rotunda

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