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1. Pictorial Hide, Pawnee, Central Plains, ca. 1830-50, buffalo hide, paint, sinew
2. Dance Mask, Yup'ik, Hooper Bay, Alaska, early 20th century, wood, paint, vegetal fibers, feathers
3. Clan Headdress, Kaigani Haida, Southern Alaska, ca. 1840, wood, paint

FRIEZE MASTERS 2018 **Regent's Park, London** **October 4-7, 2018**

Preview Openings: Wednesday, October 3rd and Thursday, October 4th, 2018

Donald Ellis Gallery is pleased to announce its participation in the seventh edition of Frieze Masters to be held in Regent's Park, London, from October 4-7, 2018 with two VIP preview days on October 3rd and 4th.

This year the gallery will present an exhibition that focuses on the role of animals in the indigenous cultures of North America. For most Native Americans success in hunting was key to survival. Different climatic conditions offered different prey and stimulated different mythologies and belief systems but there are noticeable common threads, such as the strong connection to nature and all its creatures and the acute sense of communicating with the spirit world with the aid of animals.

Spanning thousands of years, the exhibition will feature prominent works of art from various Inuit, Northwest Coast, Plains and Southwest cultures. Highlights will be a selection of extraordinary paintings on buffalo hide and muslin from the Great Plains, an exquisite Yup'ik dance mask from Hooper Bay, Alaska, and an impressive Model Totem Pole representing ravens, frogs, beavers and sea-lions which was likely the work of a Tlingit master carver from Southeast Alaska.

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Complimenting the thematic presentation and consistent with previous years, we will have an auxiliary exhibition of an important group of Plains Indian Ledger Drawings.

Donald Ellis Gallery, the internationally pre-eminent dealer in the field of historical Native American art, has been servicing private collectors, corporations and museums since 1976. The gallery maintains a particular emphasis on the art of the Inuit/Eskimo, Northwest Coast and Eastern Woodlands cultures.

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