



ALAN KLINKHOFF GALLERY

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LAWREN HARRIS & CANADIAN MASTERS

HISTORIC SALE CELEBRATING CANADA'S 150 YEARS

From April 1 Alan Klinkhoff Gallery, Toronto

Sale features 15 paintings by Lawren S. Harris with a total value over CAD\$ 41 million (USD\$ 30 million, £ 25 million, € 28.5 million).

14 paintings by Harris from one collection - the most valuable single consignment of Canadian art in history.

Sale includes 35 paintings representing a total value of more than CAD \$44 million, larger than any art auction or private sale in Canadian history.



A Row of Houses, Wellington Street, 1910 (oil on canvas. 25 x 30 in. — 63.5 x 76.2 cm.) is one of fifteen Harris works that will be on view at the Alan Klinkhoff Gallery from April 1.

TORONTO - On April 1, 2017, Alan Klinkhoff Gallery will present the most valuable art sale in Canadian history. Lawren Harris & Canadian Masters: Historic Sale Celebrating Canada's 150 Years features 15 paintings by iconic artist Lawren Harris with a total value of over CAD\$ 41 million. Fourteen of the Harrises, which have been in a single private collection for over 40 years, represent the most valuable single consignment of Canadian art in history. Lawren Harris was a founding member of the Group of Seven and one of its key financiers. This collection is a tribute to the exceptional taste and connoisseurship of their owners and also a testimony to the brilliance of the mind and hand of the master.

“Continuing the Klinkhoff family’s 70 year tradition of providing unsurpassed expertise in the art business, it is fitting to offer this exceptional collection of paintings by Lawren Harris on the eve of Canada’s 150th birthday”, said owner, Alan Klinkhoff. “This sale reinforces Alan Klinkhoff Gallery’s ability to offer high value art collections with greater efficiency for both buyers and sellers than the auction platform and one without risk. Helen, Craig, and Jonathan join me in our expression of gratitude to the family of stewardship of these important Lawren Harris paintings for the opportunity to exhibit these master works publicly and to identify their next custodians.”

Charles C. Hill, C.M. and former Curator of Canadian Art at the National Gallery of Canada: “All the themes pre-dating his explorations in abstraction are represented in this remarkable collection that includes five oil sketches whose importance was recognized by Harris to be worked up into major paintings as well as three canvases of exceptional merit.”

Among the highlights is A Row of Houses, Wellington Street, 1910, one of the artist’s first major oil paintings and the first to show interest in the Canadian environment. “It is unusual that a painting, one that is owned by a private individual, is so commonly illustrated and reproduced and I think that reinforces the significance of the painting”, said Klinkhoff.

Also offered for sale is another major cityscape by Harris, Spring in the Outskirts, 1922 (oil on canvas 39 ½ x 45 ½ ins), a painting depicting the Earls court neighbourhood of Toronto and which was exhibited in the 1922 Group of Seven Exhibition.

There will also be paintings by other legendary artists like AY Jackson, JEH MacDonald, Arthur Lismer, Robert Pilot, Kathleen Morris, Paul-Emile Borduas, Jean Paul Lemieux and Sam Borenstein.

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About Alan Klinkhoff Gallery

Alan Klinkhoff Gallery is an evolution of Walter Klinkhoff Gallery, which was founded in 1949 by Walter (1918-1997) and Gertrude Klinkhoff. Alan Klinkhoff Gallery is a leader in the purchase, sale and appraisal of works of art of the highest quality and of enduring value.

With galleries in Toronto and Montreal, Alan and his two sons, Jonathan and Craig, advise an international clientele on all aspects of collecting and offer buyers and sellers unsurpassed expertise and experience. In the past year, the two galleries combined with the industry-leading web platform klinkhoff.ca have allowed the Klinkhoffs to serve clients across Canada, the United States, Europe, South America and Asia.

Their opinions concerning quality, value and authenticity are regularly solicited by collectors, museums, other merchants, consultants and auction houses. The Klinkhoff family has advised many important collectors and have served a number of distinguished Canadians.