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Sale of the week

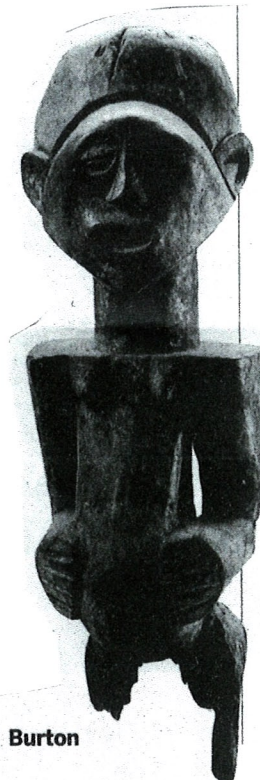
Ritual pickings at the fair

Fair: The San Francisco Tribal and Textile Fair

Location: Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Centre, Marina Boulevard, San Francisco, California, tel: +1 310-455 2886, www.caskeylees.com

Date: Today (February 14) 11am-7pm and tomorrow 11am-5pm. Admission \$15 (includes catalogue)

Need to know: Leading US fair organisers Bill Caskey and Elizabeth Lees established this event in 1987 with a line-up of 50 exhibitors. Following an uncertain start it gradually gained momentum and is now rated the most important trading ground for ethnic and tribal art in America – some say it even rivals the annual *Parcours des Mondes* in Paris, which is generally regarded as the foremost show of its type in the world. This year the Festival Pavilion will host more than 100 galleries, around 65 from the US and the remainder from as far afield as Australia, China, Turkey and Japan, with an especially strong contingent from Belgium and France. Objects hail from south-east Asia, the Oceanic Islands, the Middle East, the Americas, Africa, the Cook and Solomon Islands, Polynesia and Indonesia and range from sculpture, masks and jewellery to oriental rugs and textiles. The fair will also feature a special exhibition of the work of Cuban painter José Bedia and another entitled "Indigenous Drawing", which is dedicated to self-taught artists.



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