

*Artists' Statement*  
*Partnerships for Prosperity*

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Dakhl'awèdí (Eagle Clan) and Kùkhhittàn (Raven Child Clan) are two of many clans that the Yukon First Nations have. The Eagle symbolizes grace, power, and has great intellectual abilities. The Eagle is a sacred, wise and noble creature representing power and prestige to the Yukon First Nations. The gift the Eagle shares is the ability of foresight and an indication of good times to come.

In many stories, the Raven teaches us about life and right from wrong. The Raven symbolizes change in life, creativity, and humour. A key figure in Yukon First Nations' legends, the Raven is involved in many creation stories and is also recognized as the bringer of light as it is said that the Raven released the sun and moon.

The Eagle is represented here by the panel to the left, and the Raven is illustrated as he crosses the Yukon River.

The mighty Yukon River is shown to reflect the history that Yukon First Nations' people have with the land and the water. The Yukon River also represents the relationship that was built with other First Nation's and "outsiders" or non-Indigenous people as they established trade routes with them in partnership.

Throughout the history of the Yukon, its inhabitants have prospered by trading and working together. Only through collaboration and partnership have the people survived and thrived to build a Territory that is culturally rich and diverse.