

## **ELLEY - TALKING TO THE STARS**

### **ELLEY**

Elley is a hero of historical legends, the forefather of the Sakha people (self-appellation of the Yakut people). According to a legend, he arrived to the territory of modern Yakutia from the south upstream by the Lena River. Nothing definite is known about his origins. He arrived to lay foundation of a unique culture and religion, and to organize the first Ysekh - a celebration of the summer solstice.

Words 'el' or 'il' can be translated from many Turkic languages as 'peace, national unity'. So Elley is a man bringing peace.

### **TALKING TO THE STARS**

Humans started dreaming of the stars at the very dawn of their history. For thousands of years the distant light of the stars has been a beacon helping us to overcome our imperfections, to celebrate victory of mind over everything material. Navigating by the stars, coordinating their lives with the cosmic rhythms and laws of the Universe, existing in harmony with nature - these are the essentials of the spiritual values of a northern person.

We all live under one and the same sky; we all are children of Nature!

### **CHORON**

Choron is a vessel for storing and drinking kumys (a drink made of fermented cow's or mare's milk). It is used both in everyday life and for the majority of rituals and ceremonies. For example, during Ysekh festival it is used to feed the spirits. It is a canonic concept in the life of every Sakha person.

Choron symbolizes the structure of the Sakha world: each pattern stands for a certain stage of life, social class, and occupation of a person. It also is a symbol of abundance, harmony, and spiritual wealth. Choron is a reservoir of vital, creative energy.

### **SILVER**

Silver is a metal particularly revered by the Sakha people. It protects its owner and purifies their thoughts. Traditionally, all wearable jewelry, women's jewelry, as

well as ritual objects, are made of silver. Silver symbolizes purity of thoughts and spiritual completeness.

### **URASA**

Urasa is a traditional summer house of the Sakha people; it is a type of yurt made of birch bark. Thanks to its design and the materials used, it perfectly protects people from summer heat and helps to get rid of mosquitoes. An urasa unites human with the Universe, and symbolizes aspirations for the future.

### **BES KHARAKH (FIVE EYES) CHARM**

Sakha are very superstitious people, they never break covenants of their ancestors, and live in harmony with nature. All objects of ritual and domestic use are filled with symbolism. Five Eyes charm consists of five diamond shapes, four of which symbolize protection from four corners of the Earth, and the fifth - protection of higher powers.

Let the owner of ‘**Elley - Talking to the Stars**’ statuette be filled with new energy and spiritual power, to become the keeper of secret knowledge and, driven by Fate, fulfill his destiny in this world!