


Background



TIndia has provided attraction to people of all climes and at all times. If it was for some the rich natural resources and unexplored wealth, for others it was the spiritual heritage of this ancient civilization. There were others who found aesthetic inspiration for their creative pursuit. Some of those who belong to the last category were so consumed by the Indian ethos that they decided to make it their home, though not entirely changing their nationality.

To this lot belong the Roerich's, the celebrated family of Russian artists. That is a distinguished Russian family which has been long acknowledged as prophets of culture. Their contribution to the World of art is immeasurable. One unique feature of their voluminous output of writings, paintings and research work is their universal appeal, an appeal that has accorded them the enviable status of world citizens.

It is equally interesting to note that the sons George (Yuri) and Svetoslav were as accomplished as their versatile father, Nicholas. In a way and significantly the trio combined together admirably to leave for generations a legacy, a luminous exposition of the message of art which is joy for ever ! Indeed, the memory of the Roerich's is etched indelibly in scores of minds of the people of this Country in manifold ways.

Roerich literally means "Rich in Glory"