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Modern Russian Art at Indianapolis Museum

The Herron Art Museum's featured exhibition December 20 to January 17, is of modern Russian art, the second in the season's series, "Art of Our Allies."

Paintings, sculpture, drawings and prints make up the exhibition, which is circulated by the Philadelphia Museum of Art. It is the Christian Brinton collection. Mr. Brinton, author, editor, impresario, critic and collector, assembled the works in his travels and recently presented the collection as a whole to the Philadelphia Museum.

The paintings are strikingly different from most of the work which appears on the walls of the Herron Museum. Conventional painting is absent. The work can be roughly classified as, first, the modern scenery designing for the world-famed Russian ballet, and, second, the robust realism characteristic of the Soviet viewpoint, and third, examples of Russian folk art.

Nicholas K. Roerich, who is identified with the original group of painters for the Russian theatre organized by Dyaghilev, is probably the most famous of the artists represented. Marc Chagall, now living in New York; Natalya Goncharova, Aleksandr Arkhipenko, Mikhail Larionov and Sergey Sudeykin, are among the better known of the artists. Hoosiers may remember the sculpture by Arkhipenko shown at the Herron several years ago, ultra-modernistic in design.

Robert O. Parks, assistant in the museum, will give a gallery talk on the exhibition December 20, the opening day.