

*Tentative draft - subject to change*

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The Trustees of the ROERICH MUSEUM promise to pay to the bearer of this bond on -----, the sum of One Thousand Dollars .... in Friendship and to pay interest thereon from the date hereof at a rate cumulative and increasing.

This bond has been duly authorized by the Trustees of the Roerich Museum, pursuant to an in conformity with the Law, governing human enlightenment and inspiring men to contribute to the education and enchancement of the lives of their fellows.

(These bonds representing their values in Friendship shall begin to be retired in their full value in friendship from the exact date hereof inscribed with all accrued interest. This interest shall be paid twice annually, on November 17th and March 24th in the currency of a value and standard in which the ROERICH MUSEUM has heretofore rendered its obligations to the cause to which it is dedicated.

This currency reflects itself in the dissemination of the aims and philosophy of Nicholas Roerich and in the spreading of that ideal to which he has devoted his life---the strengthening of human relations through beauty and the extension of the benefic~~as~~ of art to each human being. Nicholas Roerich, through his life has built up and enduring record of achievement. As artist he is among the great epochal figures. As educator, he has led the cohorts of a score of countries. As scientist, as philosopher, he has made vital contributions to the sum of human knowledge. In America he has built up last monuments to art in the foundation of the MASTER INSTITUTE OF UNITED ARTS and CORONA MUNDI, INTERNATIONAL ART CENTER, as well as other activities.\* In his art and his writings, he has expressed his faith in the great and virile future of America's creative life. And he has summoned together the forces of progress, with the words: "Humanity is facing the coming events of cosmic greatness. Humanity already realizes that all occurrences are not accidental. The time for the construction of future culture is at hand. Before our eyes the re-valuation of of values is being witnessed. Amidst ruins of valueless

banknotes, mankind has found the real value of the world's significance. The values of great art and knowledge are victoriously traversing all storms of earthly commotions. Even the 'earthly' people already understand the vital importance of active beauty. And when we proclaim: labor, beauty and action, we know verily, that we pronounce the formula of the international language. And this formula, which now belongs to the museum and stage must enter every day life. The sign of beauty and action will open all gates. Beneath the sign of beauty we walk joyfully. With beauty and labor we conquer. In beauty we are united. And now we affirm these words--not on the snowy heights, but amidst the turmoil of the city. And realizing the path of true reality, we greet with a happy smile the future.

To those who have subscribed to this Bond of Friendship, who have thereby attested their faith in the purposes to which this Institution is dedicated and thus contributed towards the fulfilment of its cultural aims, the Trustees of the ROERICH MUSEUM render their appreciation and do hereby covenant to retire this obligation in continued fealty to their credo. Moreover it is the hope of the Trustees that the bearers of this bond shall be fully repaid in the joy and realization that their contributions of Friendship has made possible the extension of these labors for art and permitted each individual to share in the uplifting message of beauty.

(The Trustees of the ROERICH MUSEUM further covenant to render annual reports of the progress of their work and of the uses of this contribution of Friendship). In the Trustees are vested full authority to issue this bond and they do so in full cognizance of the obligation assumed by them for the safekeeping of this Friendship. They therefore covenant to perform all acts, create all conditions and fulfill all obligations which shall comply with the agreements imposed by the issuance of this Bond. They furthermore agree in the future to pursue their services with the enhanced possibilities permitted them by the holders of this bond, and to bring into the sphere of daily life greater beauty, thereby adding to the sum of human welfare and aiding in the creation of a new brotherhood among men by that uplifting influence that Nicholas Roerich has bestowed upon his fellows in his immortal art.

*This quotation may be substituted*

"Beauty is the shield of the world...In the power of beauty lies victory...Oh friend, however scattered! Let us join ourselves in the visible power of the spirit. I turn to you. I call to you. In the name of beauty and wisdom, let us combine for struggle and for labor."