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Academy 3860

Честный наш Мастер,  
 Мы все охватываем Вас со  
 всей нашей любовью и пре-  
 данностью. Вам присущи-  
 ствие является для нас  
 самым необходимым для  
 нас. Закладка духовного  
 камня будет совершена  
 Вами, нашим Мастером.  
 Мы Вам всю нашу мо-  
 литву и другие мысли.  
 Духом и в Сущности  
 Всегда Вам, Акира.

Дорогой Мастер  
 Мы все Вас со всей  
 любовью. Вы нам очень  
 очень нужны.  
 Духом своим  
 Нобан





### *The Master Building*

FIRST SKYSCRAPER MUSEUM

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Home of the Roerich Museum, Master Institute of United Arts,  
Corona Mundi International Art Center.

## NICHOLAS ROERICH

**N**ICHOLAS ROERICH, artist, scientist, philosopher, writer, first came to the United States in 1920 at the invitation of the Art Institute of Chicago to conduct a rotary exhibition of his paintings through America. For the past forty years, Roerich has been recognized as one of the greatest spirits in art in Europe and the East. His paintings hang in the Louvre, Luxembourg, Victoria and Albert Museums and other great museums of the world as well as in private collections.

While in America, Professor Roerich, in accordance with his firm belief that all the Arts are one and inter-related, founded the Master Institute of United Arts, a school where all the arts are taught under one roof. A summer branch of the school has been established at Moriah, New York.

In 1923, Roerich headed the Roerich American Expedition to Central Asia which for more than four years journeyed through the almost impenetrable regions of Tibet, Chinese Turkestan, Altai Mongolia and the Himalayas. This expedition was conducted under the auspices of leading American art and educational institutions. From an artistic and scientific standpoint, the results of this expedition are unparalleled.

When Roerich completed his tour of American cities, the impression his paintings had made on the country was so great and the demand so insistent for a permanent home for this collection that it was decided to found the Roerich Museum in New York. This is perhaps the only museum in the world dedicated to a living artist.

The Roerich Museum soon outgrew the modest building in which it was founded at 310 Riverside Drive, New York City, and the directors decided to build a new edifice on the same site,—the twenty-four story Master Building, the first skyscraper museum. In the new building the Roerich Museum will have most of the paintings of this master artist.

Roerich was nominated in the spring of 1929 by the Department of International Law of the University of Paris for the Nobel Peace Award. The committee making the citation said, in part:

*"Since 1890, Nicholas Roerich, through his writings, lectures, researches, paintings and the many fields into which his broad personality has led him, has forcefully expounded the teaching of international brotherhood. His propaganda for peace has penetrated into more than twenty-one countries. As an artist, one of the greatest that history has ever produced, his paintings have illustrated the great volume of beauty and spiritual light symbolized by his teachings."*

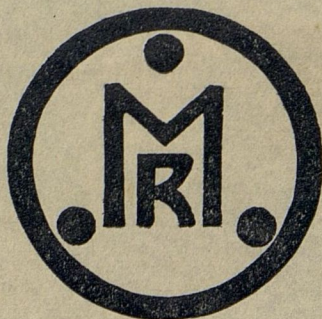


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New York .....	259 Miles	Albany .....	117 Miles
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July 23d, 1929

My dear Prof. Roerich;-

We hereby acknowledge that the enclosed list of Paintings  
by Prof. Nicholas Roerich from 1927 - 1929, catalogue numbers  
735 - 898 are loaned to the Roerich Museum of New York City  
for a loan exhibition from you.

The prices of these Paintings are indicated in the list  
herewith enclosed.

*M. M. Lichtmann*  
Vice-President



My Beloved Father and Gura,

Bethlehem, N.H. 4  
Sept. 8. 30

The enclosed letter from Bodiansky gives us a great deal of worry. The black forces are attacking from all sides in the most cunning way. I also enclose my answer to Bodiansky. & You see from the last report in one week 81 more replied to the Banner of Peace. This activity grows into an organization of international significance, into really a Brotherhood of Peace & Culture. I only pray that this work should not be discontinued on account of lack of funds. As soon as I return I will try to approach various friends of our Institutions for donations. We must not let this great work stop. I am in constant touch with my office so the work goes on as usual. If you approve of inaugurating a special Association for the Banner of Peace, please suggest who would be fitted to be President of it. It gives me pleasure to report to you that the attendance is considerably improved. We will have to make a campaign amongst the schools & universities to stimulate the attendance of students. ~~under~~ George's advice re Mrs. Lok. case is an excellent one. The guard who was in such a provoking way sitting with the woman, stole 10 catalogues & was discharged the same day. His name strangely bears the same name of the woman. To me personally it always looked like a provocation. Mr. Lowenstein went to inquire at the National History Museum long ago & found out that every week about 25 people are being forced out of the Museum. I received a letter from my "prodigal" friend Kellogg. He landed in N.Y. on June 16 & never as yet visited the Museum. Some of our Km. Advis. should be in a rogue gallery. Hay-fever is at its height now & people suffer this year terribly. My condition is however much better this year & I suffer considerably less than last & previous years. The Southern winds seem always to cause especially great hardships & attacks of hay-fever-asthma. As soon as the winds shift from the South at once every one feels relieved. It is indeed a most strange malady. Especially noticeable is the high tension of sensibility. Mr. Koppin wrote me of the formation of the German Association of J.F.R.M. in Berlin. He seems to be a very intellectual man. We are glad you like Strauss' idea regarding the petition. This may be very helpful. We would appreciate however your suggestions as to how to proceed with. Whether to collect names of prominence or just as many as possible.



He Strauss insists all the time Louis should write him  
a letter in which he should in details describe how he  
approached the Roerich Museum & how much money he  
gave. He is very persistent about it. He can be very  
useful, because Tilson is his friend & through Tilson  
Korun could be approached. We are very happy to  
hear that Porroonotekka is already on her way home.  
It will be a great spiritual joy to receive the New Tea-  
chings & hear about Mother. Her health is our constant  
anxiety & worry. We are sending to her arrows of pure  
thoughts & strength & pray for her health. If our Be-  
loved Mother's health would not be so much at stake  
we could say that the British Government up to now  
created innumerable friends & followers of Your Art &  
Doctrine. We are still \$54,000. - behind last year, Louis  
writes. This is of course a tremendous sum, but Septem-  
ber & half of October is still ahead of us & this is  
the best time for renting. Many big houses only now  
open their renting offices. Let us hope the apartments  
will be all rented. Your wonderful Messages ring in  
our hearts like the sound of Belvedere Bells! There  
is so much love & encouragement in your blessed  
words, which always soothe & heal. We thank you  
Beloved Father for your love & we shall try our ut-  
most to be worthy of this greatest treasure we possess.  
We worry very much about our dearest Mother.  
Such events & catastrophes are taking place in  
South America as never before. I had a dream  
that I was walking on a street where many houses were.  
Suddenly the street began to move down & up & side-  
ways & I understood that the whole world is  
shaking. Little frightened children were thrown  
to my feet & I said to them to calm them: "Have  
no fear, have faith nothing will harm you." As I  
said this in the sky appeared as a relief 3 immense  
figures, armed with some inscription, which I do  
not remember. In spirit & service always  
with & for you. As ever Your son  
Ar.



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OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

October 2, 1930

His Excellency  
Professor Nicholas de Roerich  
c/o Dr. George Chklaver  
397 rue de Vaugirard  
Paris XV, France

Your Excellency:

We have just received another precious gift from you, the magnificent monograph on the Russian Icon by N. P. Kondakov. Permit me to thank you most sincerely in the name of the Board of Trustees for this additional donation to our library.

I take this opportunity to report to you that the library is already catalogued and in perfect order.

The museum as well as the library are frequented weekly by thousands of enthusiastic visitors who draw their inspiration from your great masterpieces. The Roerich Museum has become a shrine for many seekers of beauty, truth and wisdom.

Most faithfully yours,

*M. M. Lichner*

Vice-President

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New-York. Oct. 3<sup>d</sup> 1930.

My Beloved Father & Gura, we received your cable suggesting the name. Women's Unity of Roerich Museum, which solves the problem. It was also Barina's idea to have between Women & Roerich Museum another word, because otherwise it would count as only Women of Roerich M. are united. Metrop. Platon just wrote to me the following:

Согласно желанию Вашему, посылаю Вас на телеграфному  
Архиепископу Кентербрийскому, которую прошу Вас по-  
дать по принадлежности. Извинюсь в некоторой  
задержке. Ваше письмо все кашло меня в Кембридж.  
В С. Франциско буду беседовать на эту тему с  
очень влиятельным лицом и, в.м. Достойному желател-  
ным результатам. Верю, дорогой, что и всеобщей  
участию в этом деле. Бог с Вами в помощь.  
Ваша + М. Коллатон 1<sup>го</sup> окт. 193.  
Кембридж.

The text of His Eminence's wire is as follow:

Глубоко сочувствуя профессору Рериху, безногого Вас  
Высокопросвещенности своею повторною просьбою оказать  
содружество Профессору в его поездке к своей теще  
больной жене. Воснаде воздасит Вам за это свое  
дело, которое мы будем держать в своей благодарной  
памяти. Прощу и молю Вас помочь нашему Профес-  
сору + М. Кашинскому.

copy + M. Newman.  
We sent this cable this morning to Archbishop of Canterbury  
& hope it will bring some results.  
After Hall are left veritable Augean Stables. He was not only  
very immoral, but a gambler as well & it is impossible  
to repeat what has been going on in this house. Mrs. Joh.  
has seen many times what is being revealed now.  
The new manager has his hands full, with new tenants &  
cleaning up after Hall. He left the place in the most horrible  
disorder. There is one apartment left unrented. Such remark-  
able demonstration of Help in



such hard times, under the worst management possible, should be fully realized & appreciated. Again we can only repeat with you: "where would we all be by now if not for the Master!"

Do you consider it advisable to approach some of our distinguished hon. advisors & ask them to intervene for your visas. Such men, like Millikan & Michelson carry weight with their petition & we may try this way to approach. From the copy of Young's letter you may readily see that an approach from this side may bring good results. We shall of course give Mr. Young additional data, because we believe his intervention may prove useful. Only not to let this matter get cold under our feet. We feel already how new people are kindled everywhere to do their bit in this service for the Master. It is like an intellectual mobilization of the good forces in your behalf. With all the sorrow that Mother's sickness brings to us, yet there is beauty in this battle of Light & darkness & all those who fight on your side are blessed by the Lord. How privileged is Chelover to be at times like these honored so highly as to have the right to call himself your secretary. What would not give any one of us to be in his place!! The letters from our beloved Sister Albina fill our hearts with spiritual joy. We cherish her soul & love her with all our heart. Please convey to her our brotherly greetings.

In spirit & service always with you

As ever your devoted son Ar.

Mrs. Whiteside told me today that quite some time ago Mr. Kubiński came very excited to her telling her that he heard from a friend of his, a very rich man that "you" gamble in wheat, while the Russian children starve. She succeeded to convince him in the falsehood of this statement. Kubiński is very much urged by his Church to return back.



N. Y. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 1930.

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Beloved Father & Gurn,

Nettie brought with her much joy & constructive cooperation. She speaks the language of the heart & we accept the Teaching & Mother's Words with our spirit, to correct the mistakes of the past & to begin the new step with a new consciousness. There are already results from Nettie's work in the circle. There is a better understanding among the members of the circle, which is expressed in the realization of a true cooperation, self-sacrifice and recognition of all the wrong committed in the past by intolerance & self-conceit. We were all guilty & shall gradually forge our consciousness to fit the new step, we are entering. Radna & Mobra changed to an extent, which will give you joy. They became again very close friends & collaborators. Radna's spirit went through a transfiguration of fires & she reveals once more how really great her spirit is & how she burns in her devotion to the Lord. Mobra is full of true understanding and desires to cooperate with all giving her expert advice & helping wherever she can. I love Radna as never before, for she truly revealed to me her soul, the beauty of which I cannot but deeply reverence. I shall try to help her to fight off the habits of the past. She helped me many a time in the past. It was Radna that brought me to America & to you & Mother. It was she, who helped my parents & sisters during the war. It was always Radna who stood fearlessly & untiringly on watch, burning with devotion & in service, as an example of true service. Yes she was wrong many a time in the past & she sees very clearly all her mistakes, but I swear to you Beloved Father never was it done intentionally. I know it so much from my own mistakes. We did not practice in life the Teaching & this veiled from our eyes the wonderful horizon, but our devotion & love to the Teacher & to you, our Parents, was always burning like a torch & shall never cease its fire. There are many new decisions & we shall accept them & henceforth move to come with love & faith & above all with tolerance. We shall have our past before us



to guide us from making further mistakes. Please  
Beloved Father, consider all my accusations of  
my brothers & sisters in the past as slander. I  
shall be sorry the rest of my life, that I so often have  
seen a speck of dust in the eyes of my brother, when  
mine own eyes were full of dust & misconceptions.  
New Societies & new friends are coming near to the work.  
A Society of Culture was inaugurated a few weeks  
ago by Radna & Tar. A Society of Creative Arts is  
being inaugurated now. So many new activities are  
ahead of us. A dinner to celebrate the 7th Anniversary  
of the Museum will take place on Nov. 17th with Salo  
as Chairman. Brinton is giving a lecture on Oct 25  
as a tribute to your Art. Mokka, brought from I.A.  
many new possibilities. The Brazilian Exhibition  
is quite successful. Columbian Assoc. arranges  
a big celebration in Central Park, where the Statue  
of Bolivar is with a plaque from the Museum  
donated by I.A. comms. The works are simply  
boiling with activities. Metro Platon sent another  
cable to Archbishop of Canterbury, the text of  
which I shall send you next time. Kavins is  
feeling excellent. There is a new spirit bur-  
ning in the circle, one of true Brotherhood,  
since Nettie came back.

In Spirit always with you  
As ever, devotedly yours  
Ar.



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June 17, 1932.

Prof. Nicholas de Roerich,  
Naggar, Kulu,  
Punjab, India.

My dear Prof. de Roerich:

I am happy to send to you the material given to me by Miss Vandiver, President of the Religious Drama Council of the Riverside Church. Miss Vandiver is very anxious to publish her book as soon as she gathers the needed material and she will deeply appreciate if you will contribute an article of about three-thousand words to her book. The outline of this article, which is enclosed herewith, has been sent by Miss Vandiver to me after our interview.

Miss Vandiver has the highest respect and regard for your art and philosophy. She has visited the Museum very many times and seems to understand your Paintings very deeply.

Miss Vandiver intends to publish her book in the early Fall. The enclosed copy of Miss Vandiver's letter to Miss Katherine Cornell gives an idea of the information the Author is seeking for her book.

Most faithfully and devotedly  
yours,

*M. M. Lichtmann*

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June 20, 1932.

H. E. Prof. Nicholas de Roerich,  
Naggar, Kulu,  
Punjab, British India.

My dear Professor de Roerich:

Enclosed please  
find thirty (30) copies of the Certificate  
of the Roerich Museum Insignia for Distinguished  
Service in Art, Science and Culture, which we  
ask you very much to sign and send to us back  
the same at your earliest convenience.

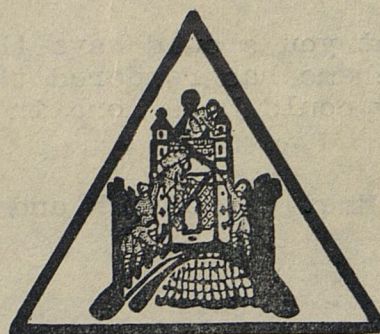
As soon as we re-  
ceive the Certificates back, we will forward  
the same at once to those mentioned in the  
Minutes #30 from the Urusvati Headquarters.

Most faithfully and  
devotedly yours,

M. M. Lichtmann

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February 25, 1936.

His Excellency, Professor Nicholas de Roerich,  
President-Founder, Master Institute of United Arts,  
Naggar, Kulu, Punjab, British India.

My dear Professor de Roerich:

I have received your letter of January 31st, and wish to say that the question of the Campaigns for our various endowment funds, is one which has become especially serious and has greatly concerned us of late.

As you know the committees had been formed some years ago, in accordance with your and Mme. de Roerich's plans for the raising of these funds which would relieve the institutions and permit them to go on with their work unhampered by lack of means. We awaited the moment of the end of our receivership and the reorganization of the Building to launch into these campaigns with added fervor. The fall of 1935 was very auspicious for this possibility - the return of the Building to the Roerich Museum control assured our friends and helpers of the stability of the building; the signing of the Roerich Treaty last April - all these factors were conducive to utmost success.

Instead, all these plans have been completely disrupted, due to Mr. Horch's insidious conspiracy. The Friendship Bond campaign which could have assured to the Bondholders the safety of their investment, and which you so precisely foresaw so many years ago, has of course been completely frustrated by Mr. Horch's scheme. The Banner of Peace campaign which now had complete possibilities to demand the public support for a plan so near realization has been destroyed, and even more, Mr. Horch is attempting to wipe away that which has already been accomplished. Similarly, all the other plans such as the Press Fund Campaign for our publications; the Educational Fund Campaign for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, have been destroyed.

We may say that Mr. Horch, by his present conspiracy to invade the rights of the Trustees and usurp the achievements thus far made, has not only atrophied our present work completely, but he has prevented the possibilities of insuring our future work. The actual financial damage he has brought, not only to the institutions but to the bondholders as well, is incalculable.

I deeply regret the need of having to write you this discouraging report,



but it is only just that you should have the facts, and know that Mr. Horch's premeditated scheme has rendered the Committees helpless to aid us, as they undoubtedly could have done in the normal progress which we anticipated.

With best greetings to Mme. de Roerich and yourself, as well as your family, believe me,

Most cordially yours,

*M. M. Lichtmann*

First Vice-President,  
Master Institute of United Arts.