MESSAGE OF SVETOSLAV ROERICH

ON THE OCCASION OF SHRI S.S.KUKKE'S EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

I am glad to know that Mr. S.S. Kukke will be holding his one man show in the near future. Mr. Kukke had a long artistic career and his paintings have received considerable recognition and appreciation. He is best known perhaps for his portraits and it is a field which he obviously likes himself and has distinguished himself in most.

He has always worked in the objective, representational manner, though he tried to introduce some of the new treatments into the frame work of his paintings. He is a good, meticulous draughtsman which was a great help to him in his long career as a teacher. It is very important for a teacher to have a thorough grounding in the elements of drawing and design, since this is the foundation essential for any other advanced courses.

Mr. Kukke's long artistic and academic career in Mysore place him into quite a special place in the Art World of the State and I am happy this exhibition will give the public an opportunity to see more of and better appreciate his dedicated work.

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