

Press release

INDIA: ITS ARTISTS AND POETS

Poetry, music, painting and embroidery are only a few of the themes the visitor will find in the pavilion of India this year.

Mysterious India, a land of contrasts and a land of religion, tells the story of one of its greatest poets, Jayadeva, who in the 12th century wrote his classic poem on divine love "Gita Govinda". This masterpiece has been described as a work of literature unequalled by any other poet.

Jayadeva also inspired Indian artists in their creation of a series of magnificent paintings illustrating "Gita Govinda". Other schools of art were also inspired to works of such beauty, that many are enshrined today in galleries around the world.

A display of art from Mithila in northeastern India is descended from the country's ancient civilization and shows a vital part of the daily life of the country, and shows the richness in colour and subjects in the nation's art.

Jewelry, handicrafts and distinctive music are only a few of the traditional arts that have been handed down from generation to generation through the millenia of Indian history.