

RUSSIAN SHOW OPENS AT MODERN GALLERY

"A Survey of Russian Painting from the 15th Through the 20th Centuries," said to be the most complete survey of Russian art presented here since 1923, opens today at the Gallery of Modern Art on Columbus Circle.

The show includes more than 350 works, many never shown publicly. They range from icons to abstract and social-realist paintings.

Organized by George Riabov, a photo-archivist at the Museum of Modern Art, it has been mostly put together from collections in the West, including Mr. Riabov's. The show also includes works from the Nina Stevens collection of 20th-century Russian paintings, assembled in Moscow by the Russian-born wife of the correspondent, Edmund Stevens.

Among the painters represented are Dmitri Levitzki, the 18th-century portraitist; Ilya Repin, the 19th-century realist, and Vasily Kandinsky, the 20th-century painter, teacher and theorist of nonobjective art.

The show fills five galleries on the second and third floors of the museum. The Gallery of Modern Art is open from 11 A.M. to 11 P.M. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission \$1.