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There were no stiff upper lips at this art do. Suruchi Art Gallery organised an exhibition called *Troika - The Group Show*, at which three British artists displayed their works. **James Horton, Nick Tidnam** and Graham Clarke's works presented their impressions of India. The director of the gallery, **Suruchi Gupta**, was quite excited about the exhibition. "It is a successful step towards bringing together various forms of art, not only from India, but also from around the world. While portraying life in various perspectives, the exhibition also showcases British art and its strong bond with In-

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Nick Tidnam & James Horton

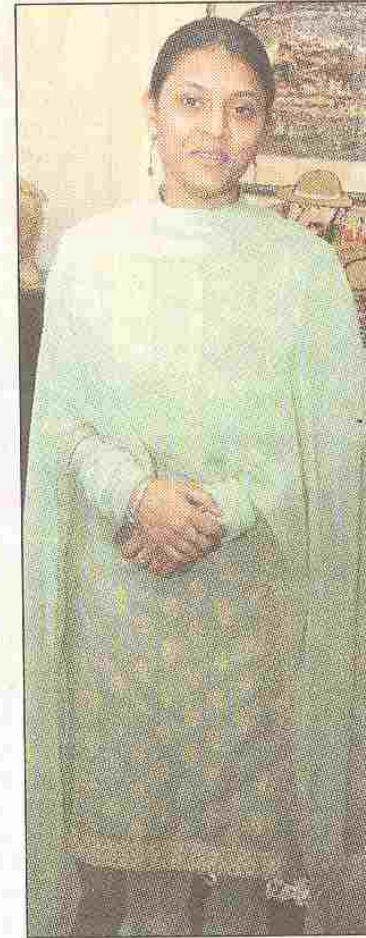
dian culture," she said.

Graham wasn't there to show visitors around, but Nick and James were more than happy to talk about their experiences. "The Howrah Bridge in Kolkata has been very interesting for me," said Nick. "I used to stand on it and watch people pass by. I am still like a child - whenever I enter a new space, I find everything very interesting."

James, who plays the *sitar*, had an even more interesting tale to tell of how he made his India connect. "My father was in the Air Force in World War II," he said. "He had come to India during the war. Many years later, I saw photographs of my dad while he was here. That sparked off the connection and I came to India to find out more. I find that Indian women make fascinating subjects. The colour of their skin and their features are very beautiful, and they look best in traditional Indian clothes. Shilpa Shetty is very pretty, and that guy with the French beard who acts in movies is very good - Amitabh Bachchan."

"Graham's works are full of humour," said Suruchi. "They all show the lighter side of life. And Nick's works show what the eye commonly misses - children selling flowers on the streets of India, for instance."

Troika began on Oct 13 and will go on till Oct 27 at C-16, Sector 26, Noida. For more, call 95120-4266873.



Suruchi Gupta