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Tigran Hamasyan to Perform at South Orange Performing Arts Center on March 15, 2026



Acclaimed jazz pianist and composer Tigran Hamasyan, celebrated for seamlessly merging powerful jazz improvisation with the rich folkloric traditions of Armenia, will perform at the South Orange Performing Arts Center (SOPAC) on March 15, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

Hamasyan began playing piano at the age of three and quickly gained international

recognition for a singular musical voice that blends Armenian modes, rock energy, and jazz virtuosity. His dynamic performances are renowned for their sublime technique, emotional depth, and rhythmic intensity. Drawing from Armenian folk melodies, bebop improvisation, and progressive rock influences, Hamasyan creates music that is both deeply rooted and boldly contemporary.

In his work, Hamasyan explores ancient Armenian sacred music alongside modern jazz, electronic textures, and cinematic soundscapes. This inventive approach has earned him numerous international awards and critical acclaim. With appearances at premier festivals and concert halls around the world, he is widely regarded as one of the most compelling and original voices in modern jazz today.

"Tigran will be in South Orange, the hometown of Seton Hall University, from where the Armenian Radio Hour of New Jersey is broadcast. We are excited and will do our share to promote this concert," said Vartan Abdo, Director of the Armenian Radio Hour of NJ.

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Powerful memories that bond group in ways that everyday life cannot



Two years ago, a group of 22 Armenians from the greater New York metropolitan area embarked on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It was a deeply fulfilling and memorable journey that forged lasting bonds among the participants. Through photos and videos, we continue to relive and share the unforgettable moments experienced in Israel.



On Thursday, January 8, 2026, the group reunited once again for an evening of dinner, laughter, and celebration graciously hosted by Anahid. The atmosphere was as joyful and warm as the days we spent together in Jerusalem. Thank you and a happy birthday Anahid.

Over the past two years, the group has stayed connected, gathering on several occasions in one another's homes and at Anahid's Restaurant—owned and

hosted by Anahid, one of our fellow pilgrims.

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Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

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♥♥♥ *Through the Orchards of the Armenian Language & Poetry* ♥♥♥ Jan. 9-10-2026
Presented by: Zarmine Boghosian

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PM Pashinyan receives outgoing US ambassador



Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan received outgoing US Ambassador to Armenia Kristina Kvien, who is completing her diplomatic mission in the country.

Pashinyan thanked Kvien for her contribution to the development of Armenia–U.S. relations, noting that bilateral ties were elevated to a strategic level during her tenure.

Kvien thanked the Prime Minister and the Armenian government for their cooperation and expressed confidence that Armenia–U.S. relations would continue to expand.

The sides also discussed the implementation of the TRIPP project and other issues of mutual interest.

Stratfor: If Pashinyan Fails to Secure Re-election, the Future of the Peace Agreement Would Become Uncertain



Stratfor reports that Armenia and Azerbaijan are expected to take measured steps toward implementing the provisions of the 2025 framework peace agreement—a process that could lower the risk of a new conflict between the two countries.

According to the analytical center, the normalization of trade relations between the two sides is likely to proceed cautiously. Rather than

pursuing comprehensive economic integration, the parties are expected to focus on building confidence through limited trade cooperation.

On the domestic front, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan is likely to face growing public discontent, largely driven by perceptions of concessions to Azerbaijan and strained relations with the Armenian Apostolic Church. Pashinyan is also expected to delay holding a referendum on constitutional amendments until after the June elections.

If Pashinyan fails to secure re-election, the future of the draft peace agreement would become uncertain. However, should he retain power following the vote, he is likely to prioritize the implementation of the TRIPP (“Trump

Route”), which is a central component of the joint declaration signed with the United States and Azerbaijan.

Baku, for its part, is expected to complete construction of its segment of the Aras (Araxes) corridor through Iranian territory in parallel with TRIPP, while maintaining TRIPP as both leverage and an alternative route that could exclude Armenia from regional integration in the event of non-cooperation.

Russia is expected to attempt to obstruct the development of TRIPP; however, its weakened position in the region is likely to limit its ability to significantly impede the westward pivot of both Yerevan and Baku.

Government approves 2026–2030 tourism development strategy



The Government of Armenia approved at a Cabinet meeting the 2026–2030 Strategic Program for Tourism Development and the Action Plan to

implement the program, which aim to improve the country's infrastructure and raise the level of tourism.

Minister of Economy Gevorg Papoyan stated that the need to develop the strategic program arises from the necessity of providing comprehensive solutions to existing issues.

“The goal of the program is to improve all tourism-related infrastructure and raise the overall level of tourism in Armenia. This will allow us, within five years, to attract more tourists and create a broader and more diversified

market. To achieve this, it is essential to position Armenia as a tourism crossroads, because we see its potential to become an attractive, high-quality, safe, and peaceful tourist destination,” Papoyan said.

According to the minister, the three main types of strategic development outlined in the program are cultural tourism, gastronomy, and adventure tourism, including winter tourism. Papoyan also noted that Armenia has significant potential for developing agro-tourism.

"A small state must keep doors open because closed doors quickly become strategic dead ends"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ [January 10, 2026 - Naghash Ensemble of Armenia presented by Tekeyan Cultural Association](#)
- ◆ [January 10-17, 2026 - Armenian Heritage Cruise](#)
- ◆ [February 14, 2026 - St. Leon Church Paregentan Celebarion](#)
- ◆ [March 20, 2026 - Save the date - St. Vartan Cathedral Cultural Committee concert](#)
- ◆ [April 11, 2026 - Armenian Relief Society anniversary gala dinner](#)

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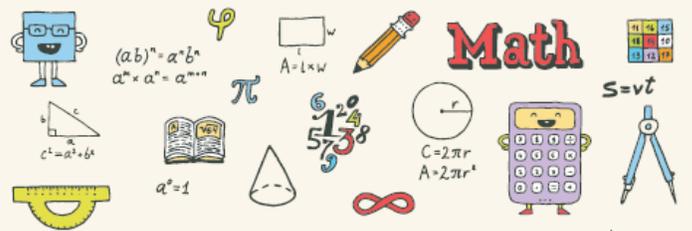
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