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Artist and fashion designer Anna Harutyunyan will be in New York for 'Unique Fashion Show'



On January 31, 2026 in Manhattan, New York, 'Unique Fashion Show' will present, on the American stage, the fashion brand of Anna Harutyunyan.

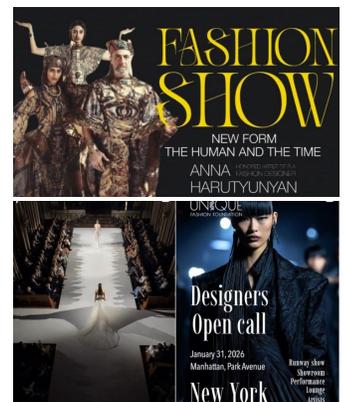
Anna Harutyunyan — Honored Artist of the Republic of Armenia — is an artist and fashion designer whose work exists at the intersection of haute couture, theatre, and fine art.

This is haute couture as an artistic statement: monumental painting translated into sculptural, stage-driven garments, where fashion becomes narrative, emotion, and visual dramaturgy. Her creations are defined by strong symbolism, conceptual depth, and exceptional craftsmanship.

Her works are widely featured in opera, ballet, and theatrical productions, and

her presentations unfold as immersive visual performances shaped by music, light, and artistic storytelling.

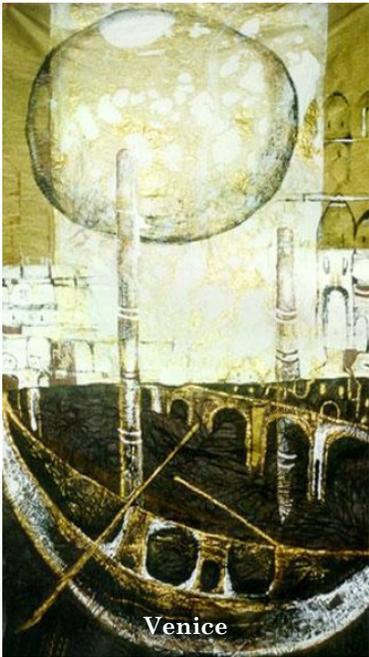
Born in 1976 in the city of Yerevan, Anna Harutyunyan attended the O. Igityan Republican Center for Aesthetic Education; attended and graduated from the A. Kojoyan art school; attended the P. Terlemezyan art college. Continued her education in Germany, graduated with honors from the Art Academy of Nord-Rhein Westphalia in Duren. She received a scholarship from Förderungs stipendium, Bundestag, Bonn, thanks to which she was able to study at the summer academy, led by famous German artists - prof. Waldemar Otto and Lisa Endris. In 1997-2000 received a scholarship from the General Armenian Benevolent Union (AGBU, New York) as an excellent student.



Once Anna was taking part in a celebration near the memorial of Martiros Saryan, famous artist, surrounded by painting children from the Center of Child Education. The topic given was free composition with color gamma. Grigor Khanjyan was a member of the jury then. He, not being acquainted with the children, approached Anna and whispered: "Girl, you will become a famous artist". Today, Anna has opened a new stage in Armenian art history. She would have a great investment in Armenian art. We all wish her success in her future endeavors.

You may watch the interview Parev-TV had with Anna Harutyunyan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3Wspm09kRs>

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Headline News



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AGBU and Creative Armenia Proudly Announce Recipients of Creative Armenia-AGBU Fellowships 2026



As partner with Creative Armenia since the inception of its fellowship program, AGBU expressed its congratulations and best wishes to the 2026 recipients, including visual artist Garush Melkonyan; composer and musician Joseph Bohigian; filmmaker Ophelia Harutyunyan; musician and sound designer Armen Papyan; and writer Lika Zakaryan.

The five selected Fellows will join the Creative Armenia-AGBU alumni community, including musicians, visual artists, curators, filmmakers, writers, and animators who have already received Creative Armenia and AGBU support, accelerating their careers and now serving as cultural ambassadors for Armenia.

“We are proud to enter a new season of partnership with AGBU,” said Garin Hovannisian, founder of Creative Armenia. “Together we are creating a new wave of Armenian culture, which will be felt for generations to come.”

“Every year, the latest cohort of Creative Armenia Fellows once again proves that there

is never a shortage of exceptional creative talent across the Armenian World. We wish the 2026 Fellows a transformative experience that will boost their careers in substantive and meaningful ways,” stated Ani Manoukian, AGBU Central Board member.

For more information about the 2026 Fellows and the program, visit creativearmenia.org/creative-armenia-agbu-fellowships.

AGBU and Creative Armenia have jointly announced the recipients of the 2026 Creative Armenia-AGBU Fellowships—a one-year program that provides five exceptional artists with a \$5,000 grant, mentorships with industry leaders, and diverse promotional opportunities.

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Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

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Presented by: Zarmine Boghosian

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մնալն է...



27 տարի առաջ Յունվար 29, 1999-ին Երեւանի մէջ իր մահկանացուն կնքեց՝ քնքոյշ, բանաստեղծուհի՝ **Մարօ Մարգարեան**, մայրը արուեստագետ ընտանիքի եւ կողակիցը թատերագիր, արուեստաբան եւ խմբագիր Սարգիս Բայանդուրին: Իր դուստրն է Անահիտ Բայանդուրը՝ թարգմանչուհի, եւ հասարակական գործիչ, իսկ որդին է՝ նկարիչ Աշոտ Բայանդուրը: Ան ծնած էր Դեկտ. 22, 1915-ին Վրաստանի Շահումեան քաղաքին մէջ: Ան իր յատուկ ոճով բնութագրած է որպէս քուրմուկն ու բարութիւն տարածող համեստ մանուշակ:



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Մրտիդ վնաս են բարձրութիւնները,
Դու ապրիր խաղաղ ստորոտում.
Զիւնի շերտեր են ու ցուրտ է վերը,
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Ինչի՞ համար են այս մղումները
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Եւ կայծակների քմահաճ դերը,
Ու վեր ելնելու հաշիշ ու տենդ:

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Սառոյցների մէջ արձանացած
Ի ցոյց աշխարհին քարացած վերը,
Հնար էլ չունեն նայելու ցած:

Եւ ի՞նչ են առել ամպերը իրար,
Կուտակուել սեւ սեւ ու որոտում,
**Մրտիդ վնաս են մեծ-մեծ բառերը,
Մեծանունները, մեծարանքները,
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Խորունկ դասեր են տալիս ընկերոջն
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Խորհուրդներ քանի,
Խրատներ քանի . . .
Եւ զայրանում են, որ չեն օգտում
Խորհուրդից իրենց ու երջանկանում...

**Բուլորն ուզում են աշխարհը ուղղել,
Ոչ ոք չի ուզում սկսել իրենից:**



Դու Մի բուռ . . . Մ. Մարգարեան

Դու մի բուռ, մի ափ - Դու մի սրտի չափ
Դու սրտի պէս լայն, - Դու սրտի պէս խոր

Հայրենի իմ հող.

Ակունք բարիքի, Բոյրի ու բերքի,
Խտացած իմ սեր, Իմ հրաշք երկիր,
Դու մի բուռ, մի ափ, Դու մի սրտի չափ:



Այս խառնածին գոյութեան մէջ,
Լոյսը մեր խոր էութեան մէջ,
Անմրցակից, անզուգահեռ,
Վաւերական եւ վեր ենք մենք:

**Ի՞նչ վախենանք մենք մութերից ,
Ուր էլ կախեն լապտեր ենք մենք: Մ.Մ.**



ԿԱՐՕՏԻ ՊԱՆԻՆ

Միլվա Կապուտիկեան

Արի, արի, արի՛ , Թէկուզ վերջին անգամ,
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Թէկուզ բերես դու ինձ
Նոր բաժանման թախիծ

Անդարձ գնաս նորից, Միայն արի,արի:

Թէկուզ անսեր, անսիրտ,
Թէկուզ հեզնող ու խիստ,
Թէկուզ խայթող ու բիրտ,
Միայն արի, արի:

Թէկուզ բերես դու ինձ,
Մի նոր դաւի կսկիծ,
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Armenia–Azerbaijan peace agreement wins 2026 Zayed Award



The International Zayed Award for Human Fraternity 2026 has been awarded to the peace agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan

The winners of the 2026 Zayed Award for Human Fraternity were announced on 19 January. According to an official statement, the award ceremony will take place on February 4, on the International Day of Human

Fraternity, at the Founder's Memorial in Abu Dhabi.

The recipients include the delegations of the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan, which signed the historic peace agreement between the two countries on August 8, 2025, in the United States.

This marks the first time the International Committee has honored winners from the Caucasus.

The decision to recognize the agreement between the two Caucasus nations, the statement explains, acknowledges “a process of peace, dialogue, normalization, and conflict resolution” undertaken by both States, and emphasizes that reconciliation “is

not a single act, but a continuous journey.”

The agreement is described as the result of “a historic decision guided by far-sighted leadership,” aimed at ending decades of conflict and humanitarian suffering in the Caucasus.

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan described the award as “a great honor,” recognizing the efforts made in support of “this historic agreement.”

Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev likewise underlined the significance of the prize.

Indian Defense Minister Rajnath Singh flags off Pinaka rocket tranche to Armenia

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off the first tranche of guided Pinaka rockets for export to Armenia during the inauguration of a Solar Group ammunition facility in Maharashtra. He said defense exports have grown from Rs 1,000 crore a decade ago to Rs 25,000 crore, with a target of Rs 50,000 crore by 2029–30. Singh highlighted the growing role of the private sector, rising domestic defense production, and India’s aim to become a global hub for ammunition manufacturing amid increasingly complex modern warfare.



Armenian and Azerbaijani presidents make their first joint appearance since the historic peace deal



The presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan appeared together at a Euronews panel at the World Economic Forum on Tuesday, in their first joint appearance since signing a historic peace deal ending 30 years of conflict.

Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev

described the peace agreement as "a tremendous benefit to Armenia, to Azerbaijan and to the South Caucasus, and it sets an example of how countries on very deep hostile terms can now transform into cooperation."

"We did it, we restored justice, international law, our sovereignty, our territorial integrity, and then we achieved peace and then we stopped," the Azerbaijan president said, adding that the two countries are "changing Eurasia".

Armenian President Vahagn Khachaturyan thanked his Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and

Azerbaijan's Aliyev for their political will in achieving peace, telling the panel he had little to add to Aliyev's remarks because "I have to repeat the same thing."

Khachaturyan pointed to concrete examples of the transformation, noting that residents of Yerevan can now buy Azerbaijani fuel for their cars. "Years ago if you would have spoken about this there would have been a hostile reaction. But this is the new reality we live in," he said. "Thank God that the leaders of our two countries chose this path, the future, the peace of our countries."

At the World Economic Forum in Davos, Ilham Aliyev told Euronews that international relations are "entering a new era"



In an exclusive interview in the margins of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Azerbaijan's president Ilham Aliyev said that the world order is changing.

"International relations are entering a new era, an era where it is not the rule of law, but the rule of strength that is ruling the situation", said the president.

"Every country should base their strategy and policy on their potential", he added.

Asked about the situation in the Southern Caucasus and the vicinity of Azerbaijan, he hoped "it will not deteriorate".

Azerbaijan, known for its gas exports, this week started sending gas supplies to Germany and Austria.

"We already supply natural gas to 16 countries, and 10 of them are members of European Union", explained Aliyev. "So by this coverage, by geographical coverage of supply of pipeline gas, Azerbaijan is number one in the world."

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Armenian Ambassador to U.S., Utah Lieutenant Governor discuss economic cooperation



During a visit to the U.S. state of Utah, Armenian Ambassador to the U.S.

Narek Mkrtychyan met with the Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State of Utah, Deidre Henderson.

During the meeting, the Ambassador and D. Henderson discussed possible areas of economic cooperation between

the Republic of Armenia and the state of Utah.

The sides emphasized their readiness to take the necessary steps toward further cooperation.

Most repatriates to Armenia in 2025 came from Russia, says Diaspora Commissioner



In 2025, trends in repatriation to Armenia were normal, Zareh Sinanyan, High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs of Armenia, noted that last year, due to “hot spots,” there was no major wave of repatriation, but nor was the flow noticeably reduced.

“In recent years, the largest increase

occurred in 2022–2023, related to the Russia–Ukraine conflict. Last year, most repatriates came from Russia. This is natural, as a large number of Armenians live there. In addition, they are close geographically, psychologically, and in terms of origin. The next largest group of repatriates comes from Syria, followed by Lebanon and Iran. We also have repatriates from the U.S., Argentina, Australia, and other countries,” Zareh Sinanyan said.

The Repatriation and Integration Center at the High Commissioner’s Office continues to develop its programs, making them more targeted and serving those relocating to Armenia. The services cover a wide

range of areas, including assistance with documentation, enrolling children in schools and kindergartens, Armenian language courses, and familiarization with the job market.

“Repatriation needs to be on a larger scale, as we are facing a demographic challenge. Achieving this depends on several factors, including the allocation of financial resources. I am confident that we will reach that stage. Once our pressing security issues are addressed, we will turn our attention to reshaping the demographic picture through repatriation,” Zareh Sinanyan stated.

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Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan signed the Charter of the Board of Peace alongside other world leaders in Davos, Switzerland



Pashinyan was invited to sign the Charter as a founding member by U.S. President Donald Trump.

Trump, who will chair the board, signed the charter in conclusion to formally launch the Board of Peace, calling it a "very exciting day, long in the making".

"We're going to have peace in the world," Trump announced. "And we're all stars."

"Just one year ago the world was actually on fire, a lot of people didn't know it," Trump said in his opening speech. Yet "many good things are happening" and the threats around the world "are really calming down," the U.S. president said.

Trump took a moment to thank the leaders in attendance, including Armenia's Pashinyan, Argentinian President Javier Milei, Hungarian Premier Viktor Orbán, as well as Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev.

"In this group I like every single one of

them," Trump said.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio spoke after Trump at the signing ceremony, as the U.S. president sat at the center of a gathering of representatives of the 19 signatory countries.

"We are here today because of President Trump's vision," Rubio said.

Rubio went on to argue that existing institutions had been unable to act, saying Trump instead had "the vision and the courage to dream the impossible".

India Delivers First Batch of Pinaka Rockets to Armenia



The first batch of rockets for the Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launch system has been delivered to Armenia, according to The Times of India. A ceremonial dispatch marking the shipment took place on Sunday in Nagpur, India. India's Minister of Defense, Rajnath Singh, attended the event commemorating the delivery of the weapons to Armenia.

Addressing those present, the minister described the delivery as a "turning point for India's defense industry," noting that it reflects the country's efforts to enter the global arms market.

The guided rockets, manufactured by Solar Defense and Aerospace Limited (SDAL) in Nagpur, have a range of up to 70 kilometers. Indian media reports indicate that deliveries of the Pinaka multi-barrel rocket systems to Armenia were carried out during 2023–2024.

The outlet notes that Armenia had previously signed a contract worth approximately \$240 million for the acquisition of four Pinaka batteries. The agreement includes the supply of

guided rockets for the multiple-launch rocket systems as well as other military equipment. Deliveries of the artillery systems began in July 2023 and were completed in November 2024, with the phased export of guided rockets now underway.

According to official sources, the rockets will be shipped to Armenia "based on readiness levels."

It is also expected that the guided Pinaka rockets will be inducted into the Indian Army's arsenal in the coming days. As part of this effort, Rajnath Singh inaugurated a new medium-caliber ammunition manufacturing facility operated by SDAL in Nagpur, which he said aligns with the government's strategy to reduce India's reliance on imported ammunition.

Kurds protest in front of the Turkish parliament, denouncing the targeting of Kurds in Aleppo



Protesters rallied for a second day in Turkey's main cities on Thursday to demand an end to a deadly Syrian army offensive against Kurdish fighters in Aleppo.

Several hundred people gathered in Diyarbakir, southeastern Turkey's main Kurdish-majority city, while hundreds more joined a protest in Istanbul that was roughly broken up by riot police who arrested around 25 people.

In the capital, Ankara, DEM lawmakers protested in front of the Turkish parliament, denouncing the targeting of Kurds in Aleppo as a crime against humanity. The protesters demanded an end to the

operation by Syrian government forces against the Kurdish-led SDF force in Aleppo, where at least 21 people have been killed in three days of violent clashes.

It was the worst violence in the northwestern city since Syria's Islamist authorities took power a year ago. The fighting erupted as both sides struggled to implement a March agreement to integrate autonomous Kurdish institutions into the new Syrian state.

In Istanbul, hundreds of protesters waving flags braved heavy rain near Galata Tower to denounce the Aleppo operation under the watchful eye of hundreds of riot police.

"We condemn in the strongest terms the police attack on the Rojava solidarity action in Sishane. This brutal intervention, oppression, and violence against our young comrades is unacceptable!" the party wrote on X, demanding the immediate release of those arrested.

At the Diyarbakir protest during the afternoon, protesters carried a huge

portrait of the jailed PKK militant leader Abdullah Ocalan.

"We urge states to act as they did for the Palestinian people, for our Kurdish brothers who are suffering oppression and hardship," Zeki Alacabey, 64, told AFP in Diyarbakir.

Although Turkey has embarked on a peace process with the PKK, it remains hostile to the SDF, which controls swathes of northeastern Syria, seeing it as an extension of the banned militant group and a major threat along its southern border.

It has repeatedly demanded that the SDF merge into the main Syrian military. A defense ministry official said on Thursday that Ankara was ready to "support" Syria's operation against the Kurdish fighters if needed.

Demonstrators had already taken to the streets in several major Turkish cities with Kurdish majorities on Wednesday, including Diyarbakir and Van.

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New York, NY 10022
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Email: agbuny@agbu.org
www.agbu.org

Diocese of the Armenian Church

630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016
212-686-0710

Prelacy of the Armenian Church

138 East 39th Street,
New York, NY 10016
212-689-7810

Saint Illuminator Armenian Cathedral

221 East 27th. Street,
New York, NY 10016
212-689-5880

Armenian Presbyterian Church

140 Forest Avenue,
Paramus, NJ 07652
201-265-8585

St. Leon Armenian Church

12-61 Saddle River Rd
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
201-791-2862

Sts Vartanantz Armenian Church

461 Bergen Boulevard
Ridgefield, NJ 07657
201-943-2950

St Stepanos Armenian Apostolic Church

1184 Ocean Avenue
Elberon, New Jersey 07740
Phone 732-229-3661 Fax 732-229-3857

Holy Cross Armenian Church

318 27th Street,
Union City, NJ 07087
201-864-2480

Hovnanian School

817 River Road
New Milford, NJ 07646
201-967-5940
www.hovnanianschools.org

Sacred Heart Armenian Catholic Church

155 Long Hill Road
Little Falls, NJ 07424
Tel: 973-890-0447

St. Thomas Armenian Church

Route 9W-E Clinton Avenue
Tenafly, NJ 07670
201-567-5446

St. Mary Armenian Church

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Livingston, NJ 07039
973-533-9794

St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church

38-65 234 Street
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Calendar of Events



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- ◆ [January 31, 2026 - Unique Fashion Show Event](#)
- ◆ [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](#)
- ◆ [August 27-September 7, 2026 - Trip to Jerusalem](#)

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14:30 Official Opening

14:30–14:40 Digital Experience

14:40–15:00 Runway — Spanish Designer

15:05–15:25 Runway — Viktoria Trading USA

15:25–15:50 Showroom, Art Exhibition, Bar & Catering

16:20–16:40 Metropolitan Opera — Piano Performance

16:40–17:00 Networking

SLOT 2 — ART & AWARDS

17:00 Welcome Drink for VIP Guests

17:00–17:10 Digital Experience

17:10–17:30 Runway — Kyrgyzstan Brand

17:35–17:55 Runway — US Brand

18:00–19:00 ART ESTATE Awards Ceremony

19:00–19:20 Metropolitan Opera — Prima & Harp Performance

19:20–20:00 Showroom, Art Exhibition, Bar & Catering, Networking

SLOT 3 — FINAL

20:00 Welcome Drink for VIP Guests

20:00–20:10 Digital Experience

20:10–20:40 Runway — Brand AH

20:45–21:15 Runway — Headliner France

21:15–22:20 Showroom, Art Exhibition, Bar & Catering, Final Networking

22:20–23:00 Metropolitan Opera — Prima Performance, Grand Finale & Official Event Closing



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- New York Concert Review

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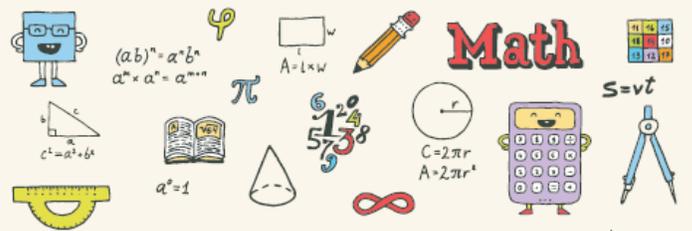
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