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Members of Congress Urge Major U.S. Support for Armenia



In a significant bipartisan show of support for Armenia, more than 45 members of the U.S. House of Representatives have called on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs (NSRP) to include substantial funding and policy measures in the Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations bill aimed at strengthening Armenia's security, assisting displaced Armenians from Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh), and holding Azerbaijan accountable for ongoing human rights abuses.

In a letter addressed to Subcommittee Chairman Mario Diaz-Balart and Ranking Member Lois Frankel, the lawmakers said the requested provisions are necessary to

help Armenia protect its sovereignty and territorial integrity, deepen U.S.–Armenia security cooperation, address the humanitarian consequences of Azerbaijan's September 2023 ethnic cleansing of Artsakh, and support a just and durable peace in the region.

The letter calls for \$20 million in Foreign Military Financing (FMF) and \$10 million in International Military Education and Training (IMET) for Armenia, arguing that enhanced U.S. assistance is critical to strengthening Armenia's defensive capabilities in the face of continued threats from Azerbaijan. The lawmakers noted that Azerbaijan continues to occupy sovereign Armenian territory and warned that Baku may seek to exploit broader geopolitical

instability to intensify pressure on Armenia during this sensitive phase of peace negotiations.

In addition to direct security assistance, the members of Congress requested a formal report assessing the threats Armenia faces from Azerbaijan, reviewing current and past U.S. security support, identifying gaps in Armenia's defense needs, and recommending further steps to bolster Armenia's capacity for self-defense and deterrence.

The letter also urges Congress to allocate no less than \$100 million in humanitarian assistance for Armenians forcibly displaced from Artsakh. The lawmakers emphasized that the more than 100,000 Armenians who fled Azerbaijan's 2023 military assault continue to face major challenges in Armenia, including housing, employment, and financial insecurity. They stressed that international assistance to date has been insufficient and reaffirmed that the displaced population has a right to return to their homes under international guarantees.

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A central focus of the letter is Azerbaijan's continued detention of Armenian prisoners and the broader question of accountability. The signatories sharply criticized the reauthorization of the presidential waiver of Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act, arguing that renewed U.S. military aid to Azerbaijan risks emboldening its aggression and undermining the peace process.

The lawmakers pointed to Azerbaijan's sentencing of Armenian prisoners, including former Artsakh political leaders, to lengthy prison terms following sham trials marked by abuse, torture, and denial of basic legal protections. They also raised alarm over Azerbaijan's expulsion of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the only organization previously authorized to visit detainees, and cited Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev's public refusal to grant clemency to Armenian prisoners.

To address these concerns, the letter calls for a prohibition on all U.S. military and security assistance to Azerbaijan until the President certifies that Azerbaijan has taken concrete steps to secure the unconditional release of Armenian detainees,

withdraw its forces from sovereign Armenian territory, protect Armenian cultural and civilian property in Artsakh, and recognize the right of displaced Armenians to return to their homes.

The signatories also requested that the Departments of State and Treasury report to Congress on whether Azerbaijani officials involved in human rights abuses should be subject to targeted sanctions under the Global Magnitsky Act.

The letter further raises concerns over the implementation of the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP), a transportation initiative involving Armenia, Azerbaijan, and broader regional transit arrangements. While the lawmakers acknowledged that TRIPP could expand U.S. engagement and investment in Armenia, they warned that serious questions remain regarding Armenian sovereignty, border control, ownership rights, and security guarantees.

They requested a State Department report on planned foreign direct investment in TRIPP, the extent of U.S. technical assistance, the economic effect on Armenia, and what safeguards are in place to ensure that

the route is not used for military purposes or in ways that compromise Armenia's sovereignty.

In addition, the lawmakers expressed concern that Azerbaijan is seeking foreign investment to demolish, reconstruct, and redevelop areas formerly populated by Armenians. As a result, they called on the Departments of State and Commerce to report on U.S.-based entities operating or investing in Azerbaijan, especially in territories captured during and after the 2020 Artsakh war, and to determine whether such activities may have materially supported ongoing human rights violations.

The bipartisan letter was led by members of the Congressional Armenian Caucus and signed by a broad coalition of lawmakers from across the political spectrum, underscoring the need for a more principled U.S. response to Azerbaijan's actions.

The lawmakers concluded by thanking the subcommittee's leadership and urging serious consideration of the requests as Congress prepares the FY27 appropriations bill.

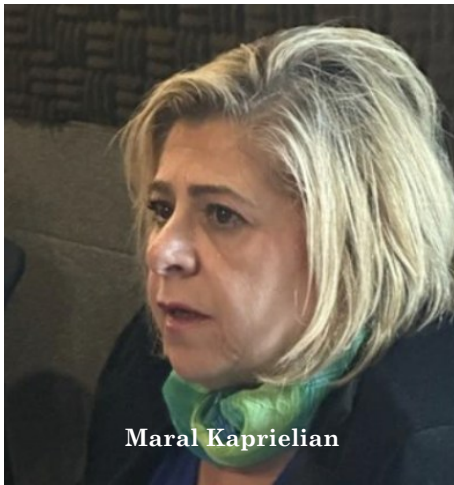
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Maral Kaprielian



Aida Garebian



Knar Kiledjian

On Sunday, March 15th, 2026, three representatives of the Armenian Relief Society, New Jersey “Shakeh” Chapter - chairlady Maral Kaprielian; Aida Garebian, vice chairlady; Knar Kiledjian, senior member, were interviewed on the Armenian Radio Hour of NJ.

Detailed information about the 111th Anniversary Gala was discussed. Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. at the Graycliff in Moonachie, NJ,

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Tigran Hamasyan Complex Jazz Performance at SOPAC



On March 15, 2026, Tigran Hamasyan performed at the South Orange Performing Arts Center (SOPAC), presenting his rhythmically and harmonically complex jazz-influenced compositions.

The SOPAC performance was Hamasyan's final stop on a major U.S. tour promoting his new album, *Manifeste*. Hamasyan describes the project as a "manifesto," exploring themes of war, the struggles of children, and environmental concerns connected to Armenia. The album draws on musical sketches that date back to 2011.

Joining Hamasyan on stage were Yessai Karapetian on synthesizer and duduk, Evan Marien on electric bass, and Arman Mnatsakanyan on drums.

Born in Gyumri in 1987, Hamasyan's musical journey began in his childhood home, where he was exposed to a wide range of musical influences. He began playing the piano at the age of three



and was already performing at festivals and competitions by the time he was eleven.

Hamasyan released his debut album, *World Passion*, in 2004 at the age of 17. Since then, he has won numerous competitions and built a

dedicated international following.

"Last night was a new experience—an introduction to the younger generation of Armenian artists embracing Western music genres. I know it may not have been too popular in our circles, but when I looked at the audience, quite a number of the younger attendees were bobbing their heads to the music," wrote Rafi Krikorian in an email to a group of twenty ARHNJ volunteers and friends, who attended the concert.

"We got a group of twenty friends together to support an Armenian artist. It was nice to see some other Armenians at the concert. Overall, about 10 percent of the audience was Armenian," said Vartan Abdo, director of the Armenian Radio Hour of New Jersey (ARHNJ).

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Իմ հեռաւոր ճամբի վրայ
մի ինչ որ լոյս է դեռ վարվում
Դեռ մի տերեւ դողդողում
իմ հեռաւոր ճամբի վրայ
Մրտի կրակ կայ դեռ տալով
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Հնչում է դեռ ինչ որ մի երգ
Մի թաշկինակ է փողփողում
Իմ հեռաւոր ճամբի վրայ

Ինչ որ մի ձայն է ինձ կանչում
Մի թաշկինակ է փողփողում
Իմ հեռաւոր ճամբի վրայ...

ՄԱՐՕ ՄԱՐԳԱՐԵԱՆԻՆ վերի այս տողերը կը նուիրեմ բոլոր այն հասակա-կիցներուս որոնք **ՈՒԹ** տասնամեակ իրենց ուսերուն կ'ապրին ու կը ծառայեն իրենց շրջապատին:



Հայ Լեզուին - Չապլէ Ասատուր(Միայի)

Դ՛ուն, առաջին վանկ շրթունքիս,
առաջին ձայն իմ հոգւոյս,
Նախկին հնչիւն իմ մանկական
լեզուիս հեգ,
Որով լացի ու երգեցի միշտ յուզումներս,
իղծս ու յոյս,
Իմ մայրենի քաղցրի՛կ բարբառ,
ողջո՛յն քեզ:

Տարիներով թափառական

օտար երկիր ու վայրեր,
Չուրկ մնացի ընտանիքէս, տընակէս.
Այլ քու կարօտդ անդարման ցաւն
եղաւ սրտիս կարեւր,
Ո՛վ իմ լեզուս, ամէն իղձ զո՛հ ըլլայ քեզ:
Չարմանահրաշ վրսեմ թարգման դուն
սրբութեանց անմատոյց,
Դուն արձագանք Հայ անցեալին,

կեանքին վէս,
Տխտաններու, քերթողներու
անմահ փառքին ապացոյց,
Ո՛վ վեհ բարբառ իմ հայրերուս,
պատի՛ւ քեզ:

Ալեծաղիկ կատարներու

անմահ զաւակ դարաւոր,
Ծոցէդ անշէջ ճառագայթներ կը ժայթքես,
Մշտափթիթ գարուն մ'անանց
կը պրսակէ դէմքդ աղուոր,
Անգուգական, քնքուշ լեզուս, համբո՛յր քեզ:
Դ՛ուն Մեսրոպին ու Սահակին շունչին թրթռումը
ուսկի,

Որ հայրենի յուշերն անդուլ կ'եղերգես.
Իր պաշտելի աւանդութեանց, նշխարներուն սուրբ
ըսկիի,
Ով աննման չքնաղ լեզու, բուրվա՛ն քեզ:

Ծով ծիածան որ կը գըլես լայն կոհակներդ այգաբեր,
Մերթ զոհարներ ծաւալելով, մերթ բեհեզ.
Մերթ սաղմոսներ ծփծփալով, մերթ վէպեր,
Ո՛վ Հայ լեզուս իմ պաշտելի, ողջո՛յն քեզ:
Դ՛ուն թրթռացիք անտառներու

սօսիներուն տակ ըստէպ,
Հայ աշուղին քնարին պարծանք եղար վէս.
Հիմա կ'երգես զաւակներուդ
նժդեհ կեանքը երաշխէպ,
Քերթողներու անմահ բարբառ,

բիւ՛ր փառք քեզ:
Օրհնեա՛լ ըլլան մեր հայրերը, որոնք թէւ ցիր ու
ցան,

Մութ օրերուն՝ մոլորած չոր շիւղին պէս,
Մոռցան իրենց տունն ու տեղը, զաւակներին
ուրացան,
Իրենց անձն ալ, բայց չըմոռցան երբեք քեզ:

Քու բառերդ՝ արեւէն վառ

ու բիւրեղէն վճիտ
Իմ հոգւոյս մէջ բոց մը կայծեց մշտակէզ,
Հուր ծարաւը անհունութեան,
բարւոյն, մեծին ճըշմարիտ.
Ո՛վ մանկութեանս ազնիւ լեզուն,
կ'օրհնե՛մ քեզ:

Օրհնեա՛լ ըլլան մեր մայրերը,

որոնք գրեզ սնուցին
Իրենց շունչովն ու աղօթքով սրտակէզ,
Խարխուլ, փլած կտուրին տակ,
կարօտ՝ պատառ հացին,
Գուրգուրանքով պահպանեցին
միշտ ըզքեզ:

Թող որ ե՛ս ալ, յետին զաւակն

հայրենիքիս իմ թշուառ,
Սուրբ տանարիդ ոտքը բերեմ ողջակէզ՝
Միշտ տառապած, երբեք շիջած սրտէս
կայծ մը խանդավառ,
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Over 34,000 Displaced Persons from Nagorno-Karabakh Granted Armenian Citizenship



“34,576 individuals displaced from Nagorno-Karabakh have received citizenship of the Republic of Armenia,” stated Interior Minister Arpine Sargsyan during a discussion

titled “Socio-Economic Integration of Armenians Displaced from Nagorno-Karabakh.”

She added that around 1,000 additional applications—currently in the form of draft decrees—are under review at the Office of the President of Armenia. “In the coming days, we expect resolutions for another 1,000 individuals, which will allow us to further accelerate the process,” she noted.

The minister also emphasized that there have been zero rejections,

underscoring the Armenian government’s commitment to ensuring a rapid and inclusive integration process.

“We have had 28,000 displaced minors, of whom approximately 12,000 have already obtained Armenian citizenship through documentation procedures, taking into account their parents’ citizenship status,” Sargsyan explained.

EU Will Not Leave Armenia Alone Against External Interference, Says Kaja Kallas



At Armenia’s request, the European Union will deploy a rapid response team ahead of the country’s elections to help counter hybrid threats. This was announced by EU High

Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Kaja Kallas.

“We will not leave Armenia alone in facing external interference,” Kallas said during a press conference following a meeting of the EU Foreign Affairs Council in Brussels.

She also emphasized that democracies under pressure can rely on Europe.

The European Union believes that Armenia is facing intensified hybrid

actions aimed at undermining democratic institutions and public trust. These include foreign disinformation campaigns, cyber threats, and the illicit financing of electoral processes.

“It is highly likely that these threats will escalate ahead of the elections scheduled for June 7, 2026,” the document states.

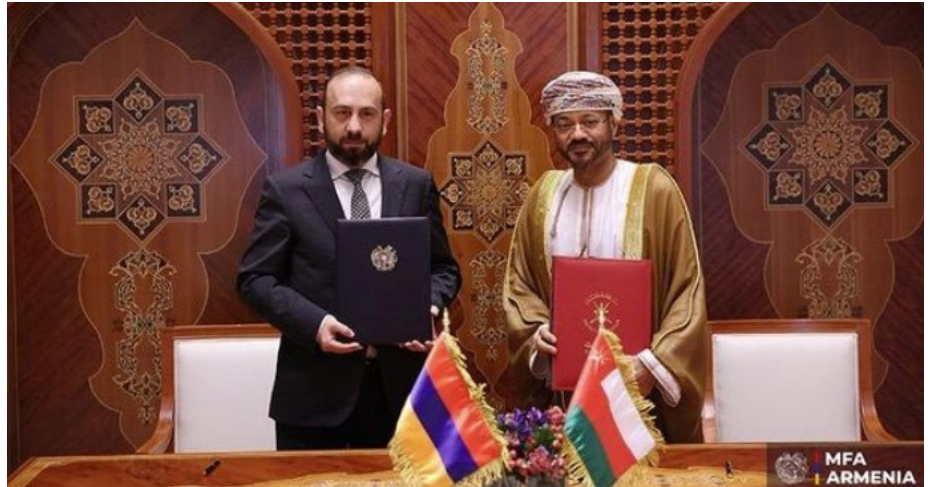
Armenian and Omani Foreign Ministers Hold Meeting in Muscat

A meeting between the Foreign Ministers of Armenia and Oman took place in Muscat.

Armenia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs met with Oman's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Badr bin Hamad bin Hamood Al Busaidi.

During the visit, the official opening of the Republic of Armenia's resident embassy in Muscat also took place.

A gathering of ambassadors accredited to Arab countries took place as part of the visit.



Draft Text of Armenia's New Constitution Is Ready, Says Justice Minister



The draft text of Armenia's new Constitution has been completed and is expected to be discussed at a meeting of the governing Civil Contract party's executive board, as well as within its parliamentary faction.

"The Constitutional Reform Council has been working very actively. We hold meetings every week, and the text is already prepared, as I had

promised. However, there is no news yet regarding its publication, as it has been decided that the draft will first be discussed within the Civil Contract party's executive board and parliamentary faction. After that, a decision will be made about publishing the text," said Armenia's Minister of Justice, Srubhi Galyan

According to the minister, the guiding approach is to place the individual—citizens and the people—at the center of the Constitution, while no departure from the current system of governance is planned.

"We believe that the parliamentary

system best reflects the principles of democracy. At the same time, we have introduced significant changes aimed at further decentralizing the branches of power and ensuring a better balance between them. For example, the National Assembly will be given additional oversight mechanisms over the prime minister's activities," Galyan noted.

Regarding the judiciary, the reforms propose introducing the possibility of a jury system. The draft also establishes, as a principle, the right to two levels of appeal, the option of written proceedings, and the possibility of appealing decisions of the Supreme Judicial Council, which is currently not allowed.

Georgian patriarch dies at age of 93

Ilia II, the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, died on Tuesday at the age of 93 after being hospitalized. He led the Georgian Orthodox Church since 1977.

Georgia declared a national day of mourning. According to the government decree, state flags will be flown at half-mast on administrative buildings across the country. Ilia II will lie in state at the Holy Trinity Cathedral.



Armenia will attend the funeral of Ilia II, the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia at highest level

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said on Thursday that Armenia will attend the funeral of Ilia II, the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, who passed away at the age of 93 on Tuesday, "at the highest level."

Pashinyan had earlier sent a letter of condolence to Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze.

"The Republic of Armenia will participate in the funeral at the highest level," Pashinyan said, without specifying further.

According to Georgian media reports, Ilia II will be laid to rest on Sunday, March 22.



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Foreign student applications to Armenian universities surge 90%



The number of applications from foreign students to Armenian universities increased by 90% last year, according to Education Minister Zhanna Andreasyan.

Andreasyan, the Minister of

Education, Science, Culture, and Sport, told lawmakers at a parliamentary committee hearing that the digitized application system has largely contributed to this increase.

“Last year, we undertook an important initiative to attract foreign students to universities, which allowed us to conduct admissions for international students through a digital platform. This has led to a 90% increase in applications from foreign nationals compared to the previous year, and a 67% increase in the number of foreign applicants compared to 2021. This demonstrates that if the tools and mechanisms are appropriate and

convenient, they enhance the country’s attractiveness,” she said during the committee hearing on the ministry’s 2025 performance report of the Pashinyan administration’s 2021–2026 program.

Overall, in 2025, 10,970 first-year students were admitted to Armenian universities, 59% of whom enrolled in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields.

The minister also noted that scholarship programs for priority fields have contributed to a significant increase in student numbers in these areas.

Sev Ohanian first Armenian-American ever nominated for Best Picture as a producer of the film “Sinners”



Armenian-American producer Sev Ohanian’s film “Sinners” won four Academy Awards at the 2026 Oscars, marking a major moment for the record-breaking film that entered the ceremony with the most nominations in Academy Awards history.

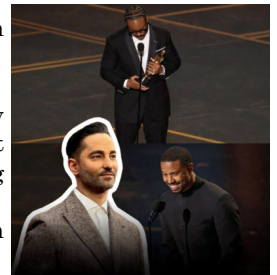
Produced by Sev Ohanian, Ryan Coogler, and Zinzi Coogler, “Sinners” set an Academy Awards record earlier this year after earning 16 Oscar nominations, surpassing the previous record of 14 nominations held by “All

About Eve,” “Titanic,” and “La La Land.” Ohanian also made history as the first Armenian-American ever nominated for Best Picture as a producer of the film. The milestone marked a defining moment for Armenian representation in global cinema and made Ohanian only the second Armenian ever nominated in the category, following British-Armenian producer Tanya Seghatchian, who received a nomination in 2022 for “The Power of the Dog.”

“Sinners” has been one of the most celebrated films of the year, grossing approximately \$368 million worldwide while earning widespread recognition across the awards season.

The recognition for “Sinners” comes amid a broader breakthrough year for Armenian representation in global cinema. At the 97th Academy Awards

in 2025, Sean Baker’s “ANORA” made history as the first film featuring Armenian dialogue to win Academy Awards, ultimately securing five Oscars, including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actress, Best Original Screenplay, and Best Editing.



With four Academy Awards now added to its growing list of accolades, “Sinners” stands as one of the year’s most successful films, with Armenian-American producer Sev Ohanian playing a central role in one of the most remarkable awards-season runs in recent years.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ [March 21, 2026 - The Women's Guild of Holy Cross Church of Union City Lenten luncheon](#)
- ◆ [March 22, 2026 - Carriage House Concerts presents Roots](#)
- ◆ [March 25, 2026 - Hovnanian School Info Session - Discover what makes Hovnanian School sus a special to learn and grow](#)
- ◆ [March 27, 2026 - AESA 15th annual mentoring forum](#)
- ◆ [March 29, 2026 - St. Thomas Armenian Church Palm Sunday banquet](#)
- ◆ [April 11, 2026 - Armenian Relief Society anniversary gala dinner](#)
- ◆ [April 19, 2026 - St. Gregory the Enlightener Church annual "Lionel Galstaun Memorial Concert"](#)
- ◆ [April 19, 2026 - The Cultural Committee of St. Thomas Armenian Church presents "Ojakh, On the Other Side of the Silence."](#)
- ◆ [April 22, 2026 - Program honoring the legacy of the Armenian Genocide](#) [Registration link](#)
- ◆ [April 23, 2026 - Speaking Truth to Power with Garo Paylan](#)
- ◆ [April 26, 2026 - Armenian Genocide remembrance at Times Square](#)
- ◆ [May 2, 2026 - A night of storytelling at the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs](#)
- ◆ [May 8, 2026 - AGBU Arts presents Musical Tapestry in Motion: A Celebration of Music, Dance & Poetry](#)
- ◆ [May 16-17, 2026 - St. Mary Armenian Church centennial celebration](#)
- ◆ [June 6, 2026 - Holy Martyrs Armenian Day School annual dinner dance gala](#)
- ◆ [June 14 - July 25, 2026 - AGBU Global Leadership Program in Yerevan](#)
- ◆ [August 27-September 7, 2026 - Trip to Jerusalem](#)

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LENTEN LUNCHEON

Hosted by

Holy Cross Armenian Church Women's Guild

Saturday March 21, 2026 at 12:00 pm

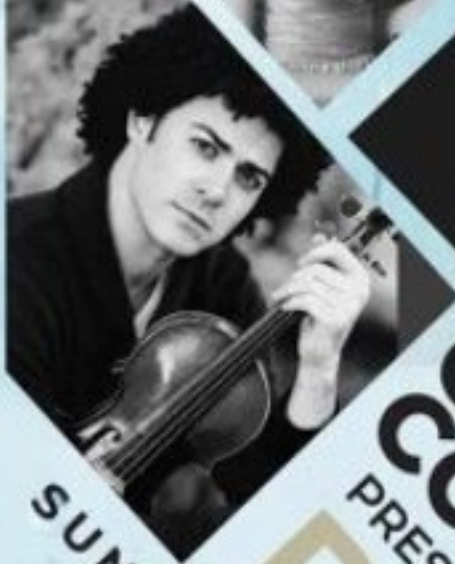
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APRIL 19, 2026



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Sunday, April 19, at 2 pm

A film by Diana Mkrtchyan

Inspired by the journey of the Turkish photographer Erhan Arik

A 95 minute film in Armenian, French, Turkish and English subtitles.

DIRECTOR DIANA MKRTCHYAN WILL JOIN SCREENING EVENT VIA ZOOM



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Diana Bourghol at (201) 805-6721 or pdbourghol@yahoo.com

Erhan Arik, a Turkish photographer, grew up in a house where Armenians once lived, driven out by the massacres in 1915. He had never been interested in this episode of history. In a dream, a voice asks him: "Why did you turn that room into a barn, where my wife used to make bread?" He wakes up with a jolt. The voice continues to haunt him. He then decides to set out to meet Armenians. This film tells the story of this journey. On the other side of the border, on the other side of the silence...

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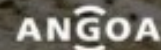
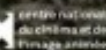
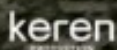
Keren Production: Samuel Moutel, Max Leneveu and Blandine Besnard - Image: Sargis Kharazian

Armenian shooting: Norayr Hovhannisyan - Sound: Harutiun Mengasaryan et Lilith Gulyan

Editing: Diana Mkrtchyan, assisted by Christophe Perray and Olivier Talouarn

Sound editing and mixing: Isaac Azoulay - Color grading: Julien Homo-Bavent

Photographs: Erhan Arik - Original score: Pierre David



Program to Honor Legacy of the Armenian Genocide

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 @ 6:00PM-8:30PM

Dolan Auditorium-Annunciation Center

Saint Elizabeth University Campus

2 Convent Road, Morristown



An evening of traditional food, music and discussion **will honor** those lost in the Armenian Genocide. Starting in 1915 one and a half million Armenians were murdered.

The program will honor the breath and beauty of Armenian culture while remembering the legacy of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide.



- ❖ Doors open at 6 PM for a traditional Armenian dinner with music from the Maldjian Family
- ❖ Program to begin at 7 PM and feature author Chris Bohjalian and music from the Zulal Trio
- ❖ Hosted by Vartan Abdo of "The Armenian Radio Hour of New Jersey" on WSOU

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Date
Thursday
April 23, 2026
Time
6:30-8:30 p.m.

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Brookdale Community College
Lincroft Campus

Garó Paylan is a former member of the Turkish Parliament, human rights advocate, and Visiting Scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, as well as a 2025 Yale World Fellow. In this talk, he reflects on his personal journey growing up Armenian in Turkey, his path into public life and Parliament, and his advocacy for the recognition of the Armenian Genocide and justice. One of the leading Armenian voices promoting reconciliation between Armenia, Turkey, and Azerbaijan, Paylan draws on lived experience to explore memory, identity, and moral courage, including his historic role in introducing the first bill on Armenian Genocide recognition in the Turkish Parliament.

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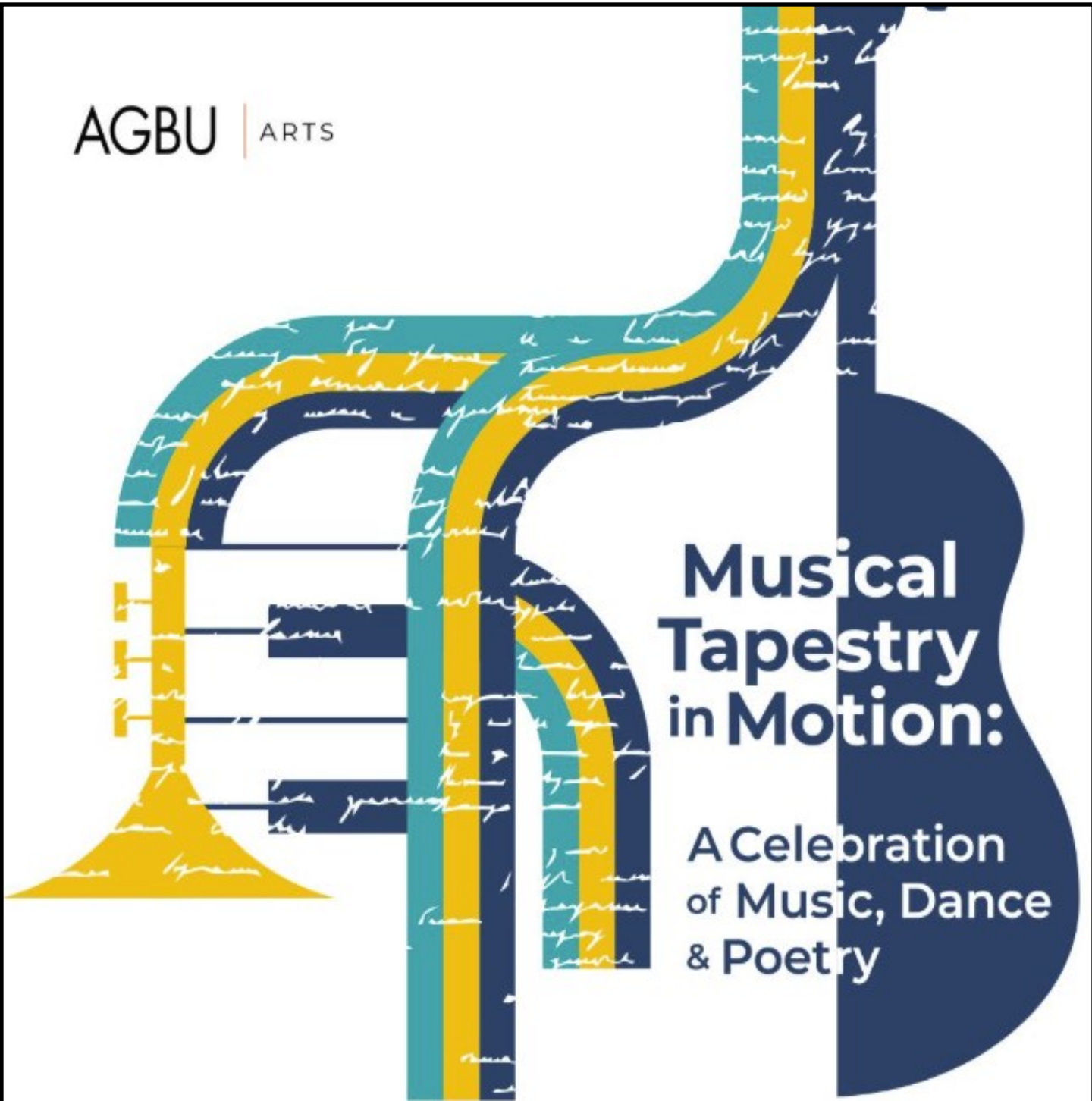
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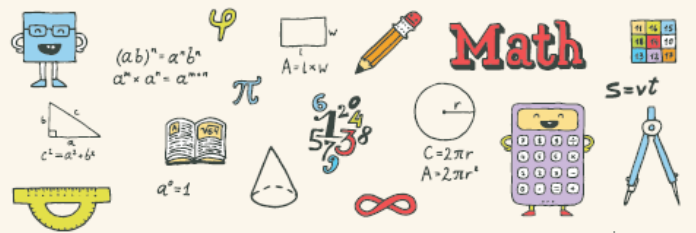
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