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Armenian Heritage Foundation interview on PAREV-TV



The Armenian Heritage Foundation recently featured an interview on PAREV-TV with Melissa Selverian and Karolyn Chebookjian, focusing on an important upcoming cultural event—the Armenian Heritage Walk.

Armenian Heritage Walk (April 24–26, 2026)

The event will take place in Philadelphia and serves as both a cultural celebration and a remembrance initiative. It honors Armenian history and commemorates the victims of the Armenian Genocide.

A central goal of the event is the revitalization of the Young Meher Statue at the

Philadelphia Museum of Art—a symbolic project connecting heritage, identity, and public memory.

Honorees – Awards for Excellence

The Foundation announced a distinguished group of Armenian-American leaders who will be recognized:

- Michael Aram
- James Philip Bagian
- Mark Hoplamazian
- Edele Hovnanian
- Stephen J. Maranian
- Katherine Sarafian
- Peter Vosbikian

The gala will be hosted by

Sona Movsessian, known for her long-time work with Conan O'Brien.

Melissa Selverian's message: The future of Armenian American is not a sprint, it is a relay, emphasizes continuity—each generation builds on the work of the previous one. The Armenian-American story, in this framing, is about long-term cultural preservation, leadership, and collective responsibility.

Watch the Interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSHKUjvdQk&t=40s>

Headline News



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Badalyan: Yerevan Wine Days is all about wine and economy



This year marks the 10th anniversary of Yerevan Wine Festival. Mary discussed the work undertaken to ensure a memorable celebration on June 5-7 when the Toumanyar, Moskovyan and Sarian streets of Yerevan will welcome business, public and international tourists.

Mary Badalyan stressed “the Wine Festival contributes

significantly to the local economy...it has evolved into a tourism product and a platform connecting culture, business, and international audiences.

To watch the interview go to www.ArmenianRadioNJ.net

On April 3, 2026. PAREV-TV interviewed Mary Badalyan, Co-founder and CEO of EventToura and creator of Yerevan Wine Days—one of

the region’s leading wine tourism festivals, attracting over 200,000 visitors annually and contributing significant economic impact.

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The Easter Message of Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan

Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

Opposite the Tomb

Years ago, while I was serving as a lost her husband. After the funeral she husband’s grave at the cemetery. She sit by the headstone for hours. It was occasion, whenever she asked me to But in my youth, I struggled to there, just sitting, for so long afterwards.

Over time, however, I came to realize loneliness, but Love. Love that refused to *stay present*, close at hand—even was silence.

That same love appears in the Gospel, and Mary the mother of Jesus sitting

In front of them was a massive stone, a hold only loss. Everything they loved They could have turned away and chose to stay, facing the sealed grave—

Earlier this year, on a pilgrimage to opposite the Holy Sepulcher: the Tomb stillness of that place. The quiet. The those women: the ones in the Gospel,

Many of us have been to this place believe; we pray; we trust in God. Yet closed. A relationship that seems over.

future that looks blocked. We are doing all we know to do—and *still*, the stone is there.

But like the women at the tomb, *we stay*. Sometimes that is exactly what faith asks of us: to stay in place. To stay near God, even when you don’t understand. To stay in prayer, even when you don’t yet see results. To stay hopeful, even when everything in front of you says, “It’s over.”

The women stayed—and because they stayed, they were among the first to witness God’s victory: the fulfillment of Christ’s promise that “*I am the Resurrection and the Life*.” They learned that waiting with God is never wasted time. Love that remains near God is always rewarded.

My friends, if you are facing a stone in your life today, do not lose heart. Do not turn away—but *stay*. Stay in prayer. Stay in trust. Stay close to God, even when you cannot see the outcome. Jesus showed us that Resurrection follows faithful waiting. Light follows the long night. Life has the final word.

Jesus Christ is truly risen. And because He lives, every stone that stands before you is temporary. But God’s promise is eternal.

May that promise be alive in our hearts this Easter, as we proclaim:

Christ is raised from the dead! Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!
Krisdos haryav ee merelotz! Orhnyal eh haroutiunun Krisdosi!

Prayerfully,

Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan
Primate

Easter 2026



Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, sits before the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem during the Diocese’s Holy Land Pilgrimage last January, in the place outside Christ’s tomb once occupied by Mary the Mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene

parish pastor, one of my parishioners would faithfully visit her beloved would bring a small chair with her, and my privilege to accompany her on offer formal blessings at his burial site. understand why she would remain

what kept her there. Not habit nor to walk away. Love that chose when the only response to that presence

when we are shown Mary Magdalene opposite the tomb of our Lord.

dark silence, a place that appeared to seemed closed off behind that stone. departed, like everyone else. But they out of Love.

Jerusalem, I too sat where they sat, of Christ. I will never forget the weight of history. And I thought about and the one in my early ministry.

symbolically in our own lives. We we feel we are staring at something A prayer that seems unanswered. A

15th Annual Armenian Mentoring Forum in NYC



NEW YORK, NY — The 15th Annual Mentoring Forum, a professional networking event dedicated to connecting and empowering Armenian students and professionals, was held on Friday, March 27, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Center's Kavookjian Hall, 630 2nd Avenue, New York, NY.



The event, which was free to attend, featured a dynamic panel discussion with distinguished professionals addressing topics such as networking, employment, and career development, followed by an interactive Q&A session with attendees.

The Forum was organized by the Armenian Engineers and Scientists Association (AESAN-NE) and the American Armenian Health Professionals Organization (AAHPO), in collaboration with 15 additional sponsoring organizations.

Reflecting the strength and diversity of the Armenian-American professional community, the event welcomed over 125 attendees representing a wide range of fields—from education and engineering to healthcare and media. This year included 58 pre-registered mentees and 34 mentors across various disciplines, along with many same-day

registrants, including students traveling from as far as Connecticut and the Boston area.

This year's featured panel included:

- **Nazo Haroutunian**, Senior Talent Advisor, Oracle Cloud Infrastructure
- **Aram Babikian**, Head of Xtrackers Sales, U.S. Wealth, DWS Group
- **Peter Bonjuklian**, Managing Partner and National Staffing Leader
- **Dr. Nouneh Gostanian**, Medical Director, Northwell Cancer Institute EPIC Transformation; Assistant Director, Zuckerberg Cancer Center Infusion Center

The panel discussion was moderated by Karen Dilsizian, Regional College Readiness Director at New York Kids. The session began with a pre-submitted question, followed by an engaging audience-driven Q&A.

Attendees also participated in breakout group discussions organized by field and interest area, allowing for meaningful one-on-one and small group interactions.

Refreshments were served throughout the evening, and registered student participants had the opportunity to win \$50 gift cards as door

A celebratory cake featuring organizational logos was generously provided by the Armenian Behavioral Science Association through Dr. Harold Takooshian, who had hosted the Forum for many years at Fordham University.

The Mentoring Forum continues to be



more than a single evening of networking. It serves as a platform to strengthen community ties, foster meaningful mentor-mentee relationships, and provide practical career insights to the next generation. Over the years, the event has cultivated a culture of mentorship, with many former participants returning as mentors.

The Forum remains committed to supporting a broad spectrum of professions and interests, including architecture, biology, chemistry, computer science/IT/cybersecurity, construction and trades, dentistry, economics, entertainment, fashion, finance, healthcare, interior design, jewelry, law, law enforcement, mathematics, medicine, physics, politics, psychology, and writing/journalism.

This diversity reflects the Forum's core mission: to ensure Armenian students and professionals can find guidance, opportunity, and connection—regardless of their chosen career path.

Hovhannes John Mardirossian, President Emeritus, Lifetime member, Chairman Technology and Education

Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

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April, 3-4- 2026

Presented by: Zariné Boghosian

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Անմահությունը ապրողներու յիշողու-թեան մէջ մնալն է: August Comte French Philosopher * Jan 19, 1798 - Sep 05, 1857

Որքան որ **Ապրիլ 1**-ը զուարճանալու, անմեղ չարութեան եւ կատակներով **«խաբե-լու»** օր է, **ՎԵՐԱԾՆՈՒՄԻ**, գարնանային ծաղկումի ամիս կը խորհրդանշէ **Ապրիլը**, մեր ազգին եւ Յիսուսի Յարութեան խորհրդանշիշով:

Այս ամիս յատկապէս պէտք չէ մոռնանք **Ապրիլեան** մեր զոհերուն հետ այն հերոսական ինքնապաշտպանութեան օրի-նակները, որ մեր նախնիները ցուցաբերեցին թուրքին հրէշային ծրագրէն պաշտպանուելու համար:

Այս տարի **106-ամեակն է՝ 1920 Ապրիլ 1-ի Այնթապի հերոսական գոյա-մարտին:**

Ապրիլ 3, 1915-ին կը յիշենք **ՎԱՆ**-ի Հերոսամարտը: Նոր սերունդը պէտք չէ մոռնայ Հայոց եղեմնի պատմու-թեան հետ ինքնապաշտպանութեան այն պայքարները, հերոսներուն անունները, որոնք զոհի հոգեբանութենէն հեռու, հերոսաբար պայքարած են հայ ժողովուրդին հետ պատմական Հայաստանի քա-ղաքներու մէջ, ինչպէս՝ **Չէյթունի, Մուսա Տաղի, Ճապին-Փարահիսարի եւ Ուրֆայի մէջ:**



Այս տարի **Հրաշափառ Ս. Յարութեան Տօնը** Ապրիլ 5, 2026-ին է, զիրար կ'ողջունենք եւ **կը շնորհաւորենք բոլոր Յարութիւն, Յարութ, Արթին, Արթօ** անուն կրողները ըսելով՝

ՔՐԻՍՏՈՍ ՅԱՐԵԱԻ Ի ՄԵՌԵԼՈՑ ՕՐՀՆԵԱԼ Է ՅԱՐՈՒԹԻՒՆՆ ՔՐԻՍՏՈՍԻ

Եւ մեր զաւակներուն շրթներուն վրայ հնչեցնելով բարին ու լաւը վերակեն-դանացնենք յիշատակը մեր զոհուած մտաւորականներուն, Վահան Թէքէտանին հետ արտասանելով մաղթենք՝

Ամէն մարդու հաւասար թող բաժնուի

ամէն զանձ.

*Թո՛ղ պարտեզները բացուին եւ
թող խուժե՛ն հոն մարդիկ,
Բայց չկոտորե՛ն ոչ մէկ ծառ,
չճգմեն ո՛չ մէկ ծաղիկ....*



ԽՕՄԻՐ, ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆ.

Գեորգ Էմին

Խօսի՛ր, Հայաստան.

Դո՛ւ, որ դարերի տանջանք ես տեսել
Եւ տարիների խնդություն միայն,
Ասա՛ քո պատգամն ու խօսքը վսեմ
Աշխարհներին ու ազգերին համայն...
Տե՛ս, աղանի՛ն է
Թառել քո նորոգ յարկի ձեղունին,
Որին դարերով երագէ լ էս դու...
Վստահի՛ր խօսել քո ժողովրդի՛
Եւ քո՛ անունից՝
Բանաստեղծ որդո՛ւն... Լսո՛ւմ ես,
Երէկ իմ ընկերները Կարմիր բլուրում
Մի բուռ ոսկեհատ ցորե՛ն են պեղել,
Որ ցանել են մեր նախնիները հայ
Դեռ Ուրարտուեում,
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Սակայն նո՛յն օրը,
Իմ ընկերներն, այդ ցորենի կողքին,
Գտել են նաեւ պղնձէ նիզա՛կ՝
Ի ցոյց այն բանի՛,
Որ ծնուած օրից հայ սերմնացանը,
Մերմը՝ մի ձեռքին, Միւսով զե՛նք է բռնել, Որ ցանած
արտը պաշտպանի...

Ոչ ոք չի՛ ասի՝ Այդ ցորենի բերքը ինչքա՛ն է եղել, Ոչ ոք չի՛ ասի՝

Ինչքա՛ն էր թիւը հայ ժողովրդի...

Մի բուռ ցորե՛ն են

Կարմիր բլուրի հին բերդում պեղել,

Եւ մի բուռ հա՛յ է

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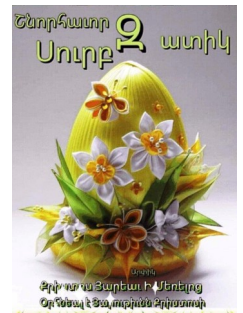
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սեղմած զապանա՛կ.

Եւ այս, Մեզ հասած մի բուռ

ժողովո՛ւրդն

Ու սե՛րմը՛ վկայ,---

Իր կարգրածը նա՛ է՛ տ կը ստանայ...



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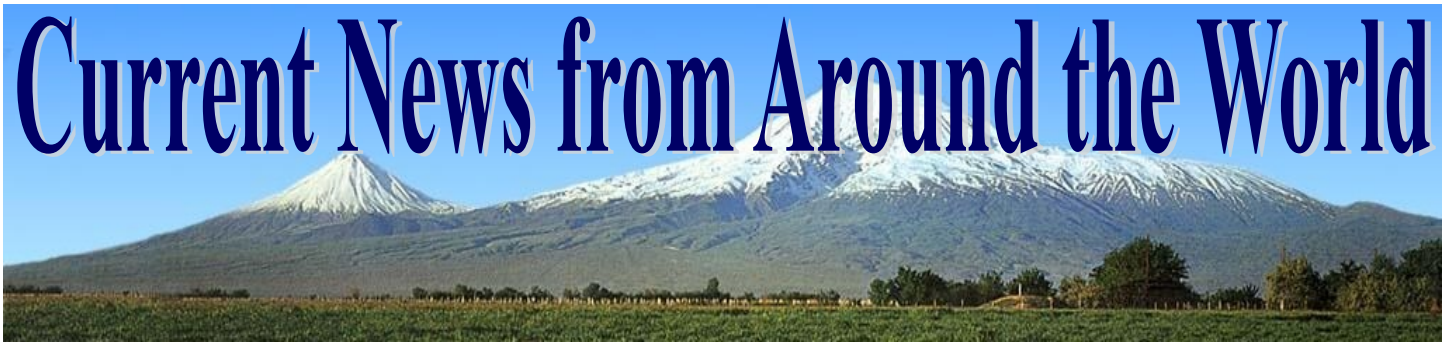
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UN Human Rights Council Adopts Armenia's "Prevention of Genocide" Resolution



On March 30, during the 61st session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, the "Prevention of Genocide" resolution introduced by Armenia was adopted unanimously.

According to Armenia's Foreign Ministry, the biennial resolution is based on the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and plays a significant role in translating the provisions of that landmark document into the operational framework of UN policy.

The resolution aims to advance the concept of early warning in genocide prevention, defining a framework of risk factors that includes hatred, discrimination, and impunity. It also emphasizes the importance of timely response, which can play a critical role in preventing the escalation of violence.

By placing genocide prevention firmly on the international agenda, the resolution once again underscores the

issue's importance among current diplomatic priorities. It also contributes to strengthening international justice mechanisms and incorporates the global developments and challenges that require the greatest attention during the current period.

This year's resolution additionally proposes strengthening the genocide prevention mandate within the context of the "UN80" reform process and draws attention to the fact that algorithmic systems and artificial intelligence tools can contribute to the spread of disinformation and hate speech, influencing information flows and undermining human rights.

The "Prevention of Genocide" resolution also makes an important contribution to promoting the universal ratification of the Genocide Convention, encouraging states that have not yet joined the Convention to do so without delay.



As in previous years, Armenia's resolution has once again enjoyed broad support from UN member states representing all regional groups, as reflected by the large number of co-sponsors, which had already reached around 60 countries at the time of adoption.

The resolution reaffirms Armenia's call to the international community and the world at large to unite in preventing the horror of genocide.

A previous resolution of the same name submitted by Armenia was also adopted unanimously on April 3, 2024, during the 55th session of the UN Human Rights Council.

Iran's Foreign Minister Thanks Armenia for Humanitarian Support



Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has thanked Armenia for humanitarian support provided to Iran during its ongoing war with the United States and Israel.

“The support of the Armenian government and people to the Iranian people in the evacuation of Iranians and humanitarian aid is highly commendable,” he said in a weekend post on X. “The centuries-old ties between Iran and Armenia have once again shown their strength in a difficult time, and these brotherly steps will remain in the memory of the Iranian people.”

Araghchi's Armenian-language tweet followed his phone call with Armenian



Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan. According to the Iranian Foreign Ministry, the two men discussed “consequences of the continued US and the Israeli military aggression against Iran.” In a statement, the ministry said Mirzoyan offered Yerevan’s condolences over the deaths of Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, other officials as well as

civilians killed in U.S.-Israeli air strikes.

The Armenian Foreign Ministry released a much shorter readout of the call. It said Mirzoyan discussed with Araghchi “possibilities for resolving the situation” around Iran and “humanitarian issues.” It did not elaborate.

Armenia sees rapid growth in solar power installations



In recent years, Armenia has experienced a sharp increase in the installation of solar power plants.

“According to the sector development strategy up to 2040, by 2030 we were expected to have solar power plants with a total capacity of 1,000 megawatts in the country. However, by the end of 2025, the existing capacity had already exceeded this target,” Mesrop Mesropyan, Chairman of the PSRC, said during the Cabinet meeting.

“As of March 1 of this year, the total capacity of solar power plants reached

1,141 megawatts, of which 479 megawatts are industrial-scale, and 662 megawatts are autonomous rooftop installations,” Mesropyan added, noting that an additional 170 megawatts of solar power plants will be constructed soon under previously issued licenses.

Can Armenia be both a member of EU and Russia-led economic bloc?



On April 1, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan arrived in Moscow, Russia and met Russian President Vladimir Putin

The Kremlin earlier said the talks will focus on bilateral issues, as well as the development of economic, transport, and logistics ties in the South Caucasus.

Moscow reacts calmly to Armenia's aspirations to develop relations with the European Union, Russian President Vladimir Putin said during a meeting with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan in Moscow.

He stated that Russia views this process with understanding as any country seeks to gain maximum benefit from cooperation with third countries. The Russian President noted that such processes should be "clear and predictable".



At the same time, Putin pointed out that it is impossible to simultaneously be part of the customs systems of both the Eurasian Economic Union and the European Union.

"The issue is not even political in nature, but purely economic," Putin said.

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said the declaration signed in Washington on August 8 has opened new opportunities for the development of relations between Armenia and Russia. Pashinyan noted that the establishment of peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan, along with the involvement of international partners, has marked a new stage in the region.

"Last August, when I returned from

Washington and called you, I said that what happened there would open new opportunities for our relations as well," the Prime Minister said.

According to Pashinyan, that assessment has now become a reality.

Pashinyan also emphasized that several actors, including US President Donald Trump and President Putin, played an important role in these processes.

"We have always been in close contact throughout these developments, and I have regularly informed you about the ongoing situation," he said.

The Prime Minister added that one tangible outcome of these new opportunities is the restoration of railway communication between Armenia and Russia through the territory of Azerbaijan.

"We have worked on this issue for decades, but had never managed to reach such a decision," Pashinyan said.

Armenia Ranked Among the World's Safest Countries in the 2026 Global Terrorism Index



The new Institute for Economics and Peace report, the Global Terrorism Index 2026, has summarized the ranking of countries based on the level of terrorist threat and its impact.

According to the published data, Armenia continues to strengthen its position among the world's safest countries.

"Compared to the previous year, our country has improved its standing. With an almost zero score of 0.423, Armenia ranks among the countries with a 'very low' impact of terrorism out of 163 states assessed worldwide.

"The index methodology is based on comprehensive indicators, including

the frequency of terrorist incidents, the number of deaths and injuries, and the scale of material damage caused. Cases of hostage-taking, the effectiveness of law enforcement responses, and the quality of investigations into such crimes also play a key role in shaping the score.

"This positive trend characterizes Armenia as a state protected from terrorist threats and maintaining a high level of security," the statement from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Armenia said.

World Bank Approves \$200 Million Program to Support Armenia's Economic Transformation



The World Bank and the OPEC Fund will provide Armenia with a loan package of approximately \$290 million, aimed at boosting economic competitiveness and introducing emissions management systems. The main portion of the package—\$200 million—will be provided by the World Bank, while the remaining \$92.8 million will be allocated by the OPEC Fund as parallel financing.

The “Armenia Economic Transformation Development Policy Operation” supports a broad reform agenda focused on modernizing Armenia’s investment and business environment, strengthening competition and consumer protection, and increasing resilience in the country’s fiscal and regulatory systems.

“Armenia has an ambitious reform

agenda, and we support the country’s efforts to build a more open, competitive, and sustainable economy. The transition to a more diversified and resilient economy will create growth conditions that benefit every citizen,” said Fabrizio Zarcone, the World Bank’s Country Manager for Armenia.

According to the statement, the operation is built on two pillars.

The first pillar focuses on unlocking investment and trade potential while promoting competition. The reforms include modernizing the legal framework for investments, improving the efficiency of customs procedures, reducing product import processing times by 20 percent, strengthening consumer protection systems, and limiting unfair trade practices. The reforms also support the adoption of foundational laws for the digital economy, including improvements in cybersecurity governance.

The second pillar aims to help create a more resilient economy and complements the first pillar’s reform agenda by supporting the introduction of a responsible emissions management

system. Key measures include the adoption of a new Climate Law, support for climate budget “tagging” within the state budget, the creation of a national greenhouse gas emissions permitting system, and the introduction of a green taxonomy—a standardized framework for defining and classifying sustainable economic activities. This is expected to help attract private investment into those sectors.

The operation was also supported during its preparation by the Climate Support Facility and the PROGREEN Trust Fund, which provided technical and analytical assistance for the climate reform components.

The implementing body for the program is Armenia’s Ministry of Finance of Armenia. The Ministry of Economy of Armenia, Ministry of Environment of Armenia, State Revenue Committee of Armenia, Competition Protection Commission of Armenia, and Ministry of High-Tech Industry of Armenia will serve as the main supporting agencies.

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Syunik Airport in Armenia's southeast moves toward international designation



NovAir has relaunched flights between Yerevan and the town of Kapan in Syunik following a temporary suspension due to maintenance of its L-410 Turbolet, currently the only aircraft in its fleet.

Armenpress spoke with NovAir CEO Karen Vardanyan, who also serves as the director of Syunik Airport in Kapan.

Syunik Airport is currently designated as a domestic airport. Following a recently approved investment program, the airport could begin serving international flights. If implemented, Syunik Airport would become Armenia's third international airport, after Yerevan's Zvartnots and Gyumri's Shirak airports.

Asked to comment on the process, Vardanyan said that work is ongoing but did not provide further details.

Speaking about his airline's flights, Vardanyan emphasized that in September 2025, when the company's only aircraft reached 10 years of operation, it was transferred to Brno, Czech Republic, under a technical maintenance program, where it

underwent full servicing. After the work was completed, the aircraft returned to Armenia on March 24 this year, and flights resumed shortly thereafter.

"Since September 3, 2025, flights had been suspended solely for technical safety reasons," Vardanyan said.

He emphasized that NovAir complies with all necessary standards and requirements. Flights are carried out according to the approved schedule, fully adhering to international safety and technical maintenance standards.

"The program has been gradually expanded due to growing demand. In 2023, it was launched with two flights per week, then increased to three, and since April 2024 it has been operating five days a week—Monday through Friday. The flight departs from Yerevan at 10:00, and the return flight from Kapan is at 12:00. Ticket pricing follows a social approach. Despite the significantly higher actual cost, the one-way ticket price has not changed and remains 20,000 drams.

"Thus, the Kapan–Yerevan flight program, having overcome the temporary suspension, continues to

operate, with the aim of expanding opportunities in the near future," Vardanyan stated.

Addressing whether NovAir plans to acquire a second aircraft to avoid suspending flights during maintenance periods, Vardanyan said:

"Financial constraints do not currently allow for large-scale expansion of the program. At present, the airline does not have the capacity to acquire a second aircraft, but this issue could be reconsidered if state subsidies are provided," he noted.

Speaking about the possibility of launching new routes from Kapan Airport, particularly flights to Gyumri, Vardanyan said it would depend on demand:

"The launch of new destinations depends on demand. For example, the possibility of a Kapan–Gyumri flight can be considered if there is sufficient demand," he said.

The issue of granting Syunik Airport international status has previously been discussed at a Cabinet meeting.

Asked to comment, Vardanyan did not elaborate but said that "steps are being taken" to designate Syunik Airport as an international airport.

Armenpress also requested comment from Sona Harutyunyan, press secretary of Armenia's Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure. She said the issue of granting Syunik Airport international status is on the government's agenda, without further elaboration.

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- ◆ [April 11, 2026 - Armenian Relief Society anniversary gala dinner](#)
- ◆ [April 18, 2026—Armenian Genocide commemoration in Montvale, NJ](#)
- ◆ [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 19, 2026 - Knights & Daughters of Vartan & St. Leon Church present *Aurora’s Sunrise*](#)
- ◆ [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 1, 2026 - St. Thomas Cultural Committee Presents Spring Mixer](#)
- ◆ [May 1-5, 2026 - AGBU presents lecture series to identify & recover Armenian art looted during the Genocide](#)
- ◆ [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 5 - St. Thomas Cultural Committee Presents Sip & Paint](#)
- ◆ [June 6, 2026 - Holy Martyrs Armenian Day School annual dinner dance gala](#)
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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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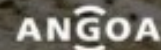
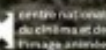
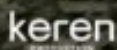
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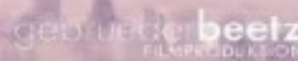
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Garó Paylan is a former member of the Turkish Parliament, human rights advocate, and Visiting Scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, as well as a 2025 Yale World Fellow. In this talk, he reflects on his personal journey growing 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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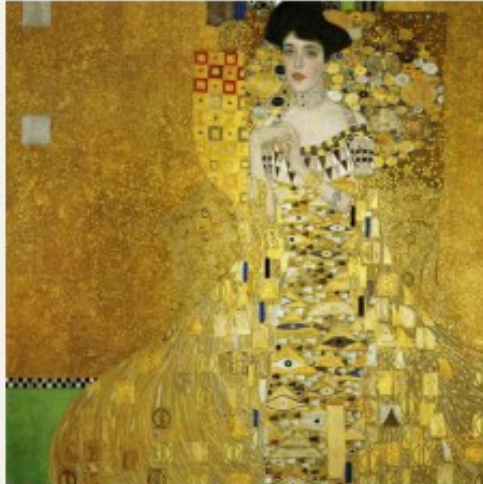
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Gustav Klimt, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I



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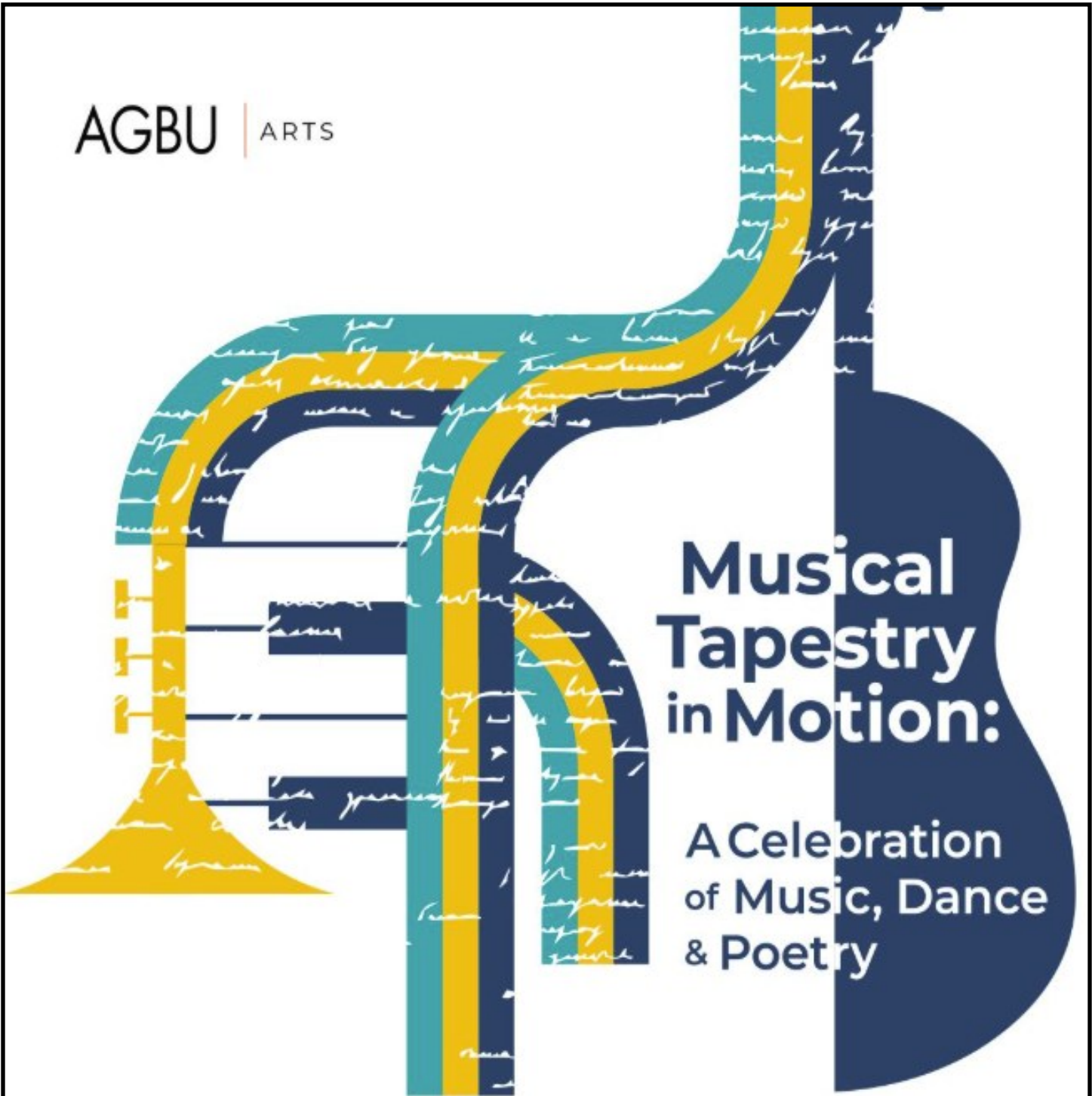
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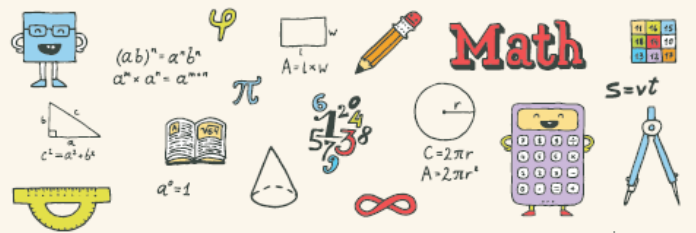
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