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A Message from President Sam Simonian on the 120th Anniversary of AGBU



April 15, 2026 marks the milestone 120th Anniversary of AGBU. And it is my honor to lead our global effort to pay tribute to every leader, volunteer, donor, and supporter who has contributed to a remarkable journey paved with wisdom, compassion, and belief in the force of the Armenian spirit.

What started in a boardroom in Cairo, Egypt at the turn of the 20th century has evolved into the world's largest Armenian non-profit organization—with a name that Armenians across the globe know and trust.

Throughout these years, AGBU has remained true to the vision and commitment of its founders—to uplift Armenian lives worldwide through educational, cultural, socio-economic and humanitarian programs—with the end-goal of ensuring the prosperity of all Armenians.

I should also note that the founders explicitly intended AGBU to be free of political affiliation and focused on serving the greater good of the Armenian people. That ethos was encapsulated in their motto In Unity is Strength—a reminder to every generation that the key to Armenian empowerment is embracing differences in perspective, persuasion, economic status or national origin, and channeling it toward a common cause.

The truth is that the AGBU founders performed their good works having never met the individuals they first sought to assist—oppressed Ottoman Armenians struggling under the weight of Hamidian rule. But the story of AGBU spread quickly across borders and oceans, resonating with other Armenians who possessed the same compassion and means to join the mission.

Year after year, decade by decade, AGBU's footprint grew and expanded—building a global network composed of local entities that touches 500,000+ Armenians each year in more than 30+ countries.

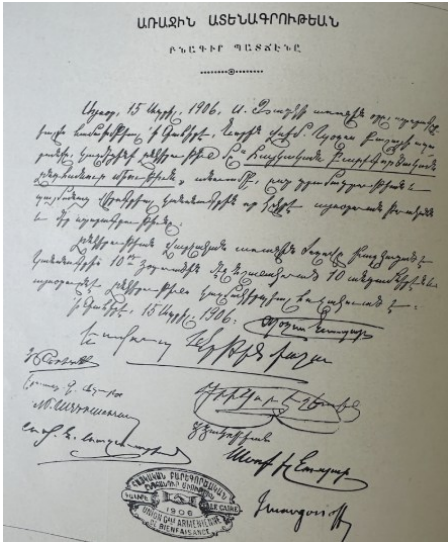


Boghos Nubar Pasha (1851–1930) served as AGBU's first president from its inception until 1928

We have been critical voices and resources in times of crisis. We remain steadfast in our commitment to the Republic of Armenia and the Armenian Apostolic Church. This allows us to lead with purpose, act with efficiency and find opportunity in the face of challenge. Through world wars, technological revolutions, shifting demographics, redrawn maps, and political realignments, AGBU manages to have the wind at its back.

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It's a legacy for which we can feel immense pride yet never take for granted—as the world seems to change faster than ever and uncertainty urges us to stay one step ahead of tomorrow.

I hope you will be inspired by all that AGBU has meant to so many Armenians in so many places and for so many reasons. I thank each and every one of our donors, volunteers and

staff for proving the enduring power of the Armenian spirit across past generations and those to come.

With sincere gratitude and appreciation,

Sam Simonian

President of AGBU

A copy of the minutes of the first AGBU meeting April 15, 1906



Headline News



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Armenian Genocide Commemoration to be Held in Times Square on April 26

NEW YORK CITY — The 111th Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide will take place in Times Square, New York, at the intersection of 7th Ave and 46th St on Sunday, April 26. This annual event is sponsored by the Knights and Daughters of Vartan and co-sponsored by a cohort of leading Armenian-American organizations, including the Armenian Assembly of America, Armenian Bar Association, Armenian Democratic Liberal Party, Armenian General Benevolent Union, Armenian National Committee of America, Armenian National Council of America, Armenian Missionary Association of America and the Tekeyan Cultural Association.

Bringing together community leaders, advocates, and members of the public, the event continues to be one of the most visible and widely attended commemorations in a landmark city. The program, taking place from 1:30 to 4 p.m., will include remarks from elected officials who support Armenian-American issues and have consistently advocated for the affirmation of the Armenian Genocide in the U.S., as well as scholars and cultural musical performances.

The event will remember the 1.5 million Armenian lives lost during the first genocide of the 20th century and

will call for recognition from the Turkish government, which continues to deny this crucial piece of history to this day. Genocide recognition is an important step in the eradication of genocide. As Armenians face further injustice in Artsakh, we come together again to call to action the leaders who join us and prevent genocide from ever occurring again.

“Our New York community has come together to commemorate and recognize the Armenian Genocide through this impactful platform,” said committee chair Haig Gulian. “Once again, we gather in the heart of NYC to fight for global recognition of the Armenian Genocide and work towards a world free of the crime of genocide.”

Led by masters of ceremonies Chantelle Nasri, Nairi Diratsouian, and Lucine Beylerian, the event will include prayers from clergy members representing the Prelacy, Diocese, Catholic and Evangelical Armenian churches. The event will also include remarks from Genocide prevention scholar Dr. Henry Theriault and Director of the Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center, Dr. Jesse Arlen.

Alongside remarks from elected representatives, academic scholars, and religious leaders, Homenetmen

Scouts will be in attendance, as well as Armenian Students from the Holy Martyrs Day School and Language School, who will sing the American and Armenian National Anthems. Armfolk Group, an international dance and music group from Armenia, and classical soprano vocalist Karina Vartanian.

Genocide prevention scholar Dr. Henry Theriault, associate vice president for academic affairs at Worcester State University, is set to deliver remarks on genocide prevention. Dr. Theriault has committed much of his work to genocide education as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research and as a Past President (2017-2021) of the International Association of Genocide Scholars.

Dr. Jesse Arlen, director of the Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center at the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) and a research fellow at Fordham University’s Orthodox Christian Studies Center, will deliver remarks.

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Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

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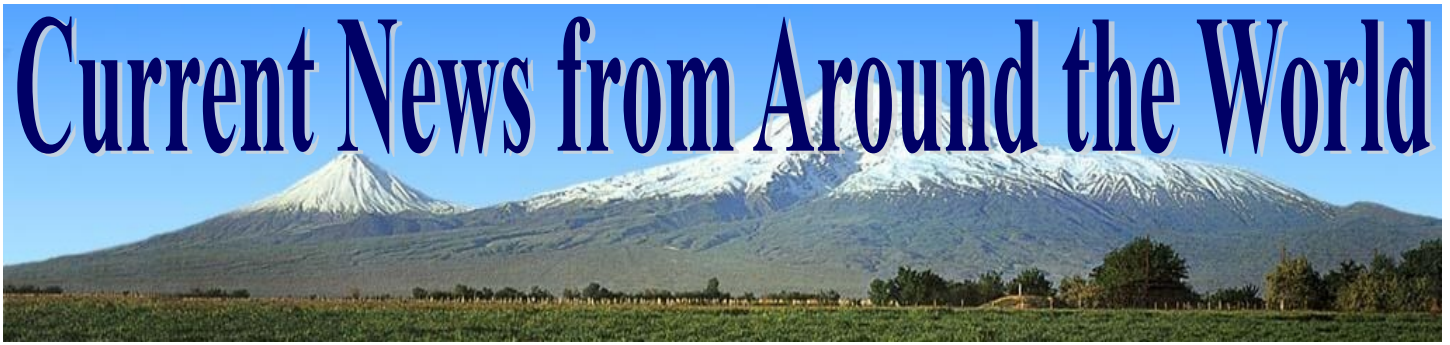


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EU ambassadors greenlight mission to Armenia on hybrid threats, final approval expected next week



EU member state ambassadors in Brussels have approved a decision to deploy a new civilian mission to

Armenia, paving the way for final endorsement expected at next week's EU foreign ministers' meeting.

Under the document, the mission is intended to strengthen Armenia's resilience to hybrid threats by providing strategic and practical advice and support to ministries and security agencies.

The advisory work will focus on policy development, detection and response to

foreign information manipulation and interference, cyberattacks, as well as illicit financial flows.

The mission will also assess what is needed to develop Armenia's security sector capabilities, enabling the country to more effectively detect and respond to hybrid threats in line with EU methodologies and standards.

Ruben Rubinyan: We Are Waiting for the Agreement to Be Implemented — The Ball Is Not in Our Court



"A number of steps have already been taken in the Armenia-Turkey normalization process," said National Assembly Vice Speaker Ruben Rubinyan.

He recalled that direct flights between Yerevan and Istanbul, which had been suspended for several years, were resumed at the very beginning of the process.

An agreement has also been reached to enable direct air cargo transportation, as well as to restore the historic bridge of Ani. The latter is currently in the documentation phase.

"The biggest agreement is the opening of the border for third-country nationals and holders of diplomatic passports. On our side, we have already done what was necessary, namely the restoration of the checkpoint. The good news is that the Turkish side finally began work this year on restoring its checkpoint as well, and we are now waiting for the implementation of the agreement. In this regard, the ball is not in our court," Rubinyan said.

Asked why the process is still delayed if peace has already been established, Rubinyan replied:

"Peace has been established, but processes must move along their proper course. There is no issue on our side, nor are there any preconditions. The agreement exists and must now be implemented."

When asked whether he would travel to Turkey to participate in the Antalya Diplomacy Forum, Rubinyan said he would not attend personally, though the Armenian side would still be represented.

Pashinyan says Azerbaijani fuel imports helped break 'mafia' monopoly, save billions



The launch of Azerbaijani petroleum imports into Armenia has saved

citizens and residents tens of billions, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said.

Speaking in parliament, he added that the crisis around the Strait of Hormuz would have had a stronger impact on Armenian citizens and the economy if not for the opening of the Azerbaijani railway route to Armenia, which currently runs via Georgia.

“The import of Azerbaijani petroleum products was the final factor that

allowed us to complete the operation to dismantle the monopoly in the fuel market, which had been ongoing for eight years. Why eight years? Because we are fighting the mafia,” Pashinyan told lawmakers in his 2025 report, stressing that the mafia is not only domestic but, in some cases, has branches elsewhere.

“The Bridge of Peace” Is Not About Denying the Past, but About Creating New Opportunities, Kochinyan Says



Meetings within the “Bridge of Peace” initiative have been organized in a “5+5” format. Initially, Azerbaijani representatives visited Yerevan, after which the Armenian side traveled to Baku with a five-member delegation.

At a later stage, participation expanded significantly, and the meetings have since continued in a “20+20” format, according to Areg Kochinyan, president of the Armenian Council analytical center and coordinator of the initiative.

According to him, the latest visit was already carried out through a delimited and demarcated border section, with all border procedures completed, including passport and customs control. The Armenian delegation’s visit to Baku was organized in the same format.

Areg Kochinyan emphasized that this is already the fourth meeting in this format, and there is a clear agreement to continue the dialogue.

In his assessment, although it is unrealistic to expect major breakthroughs given the decades-long conflict, the continued existence of such contacts is in itself a significant achievement.

“We can list many reasons why such visits should not take place. However, there is one important reason why they must happen: they help advance the peace agenda and foster mutual

understanding between the two societies,” he said.

According to Areg Kochinyan, both the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities communicate during these meetings that peace already exists between the two countries and is currently in a phase of deepening and expansion.

Addressing criticism, he stressed that the initiative does not seek to erase or revise the past. Rather, the “Bridge of Peace” is aimed at creating new opportunities and new approaches alongside the existing historical narrative and public discourse.

He also noted that efforts toward peace are not guaranteed to succeed, but in the absence of such work, peace would simply remain impossible.

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Armenia’s Airspace Will Be Closed to Certain Flights from May 3–5 During Major International Summits



Drone operations and other general aviation flights will be prohibited in the airspace of the Republic of Armenia from May 3 through May 5, 2026, according to Armenia’s Civil Aviation authorities. The restriction applies only to general aviation activities, specifically including:

- Non-commercial business flights
- Training flights

- Private flights
 - Agricultural, construction, research, filming, survey, advertising, and other special-purpose service flights
 - All types of unmanned aerial vehicle (drone) flights
- Authorities emphasized that the above restrictions do not apply to commercial scheduled or charter flights, nor to flights conducted during emergency situations. The measure is strictly limited to the specified period and is being introduced due to major large-scale events in Armenia involving numerous foreign delegations, with security cited as the primary reason.

The flight ban is being imposed because Armenia will host several high-level international events during those dates, including:

- The 8th European Political Community Summit
- The Armenia–European Union Summit
- The Yerevan Dialogue

A large number of foreign delegations are expected to attend these events, prompting heightened airspace security measures.

Police is backbone of the state and must remain strong — Pashinyan



different stages of establishment and development.

“The police is the backbone of the state, and this backbone must always be strong, as it is in the interests of all citizens...since independence, the police system has undergone turning points aimed at maintaining and strengthening law and order...Police work is highly complex, as it relates to the life and safety of both officers and the public. We must take all these factors into account. We are moving in this direction and guided by this logic. I believe we can consistently ensure these changes, strengthen and transform the Police, and continuously align the identity of the Police of the Republic of Armenia with modern requirements. In my opinion, we are



moving in the right direction,” he said. “Police officers must see themselves as leaders. Wearing a police uniform itself reflects leadership within their area of responsibility. While leadership exists at different levels, each officer exercises it to their own degree.

On the occasion of Police Day, a group of employees of the Ministry of Internal Affairs were awarded the Prime Minister’s commemorative medal. The police orchestra performed on Police Day.

Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan on Thursday participated in a solemn session of the collegium dedicated to the 108th anniversary of the Police.

Prime Minister delivered a speech, congratulated police officers on their anniversary, and thanked them for their service. He noted that the police in Armenia have gone through

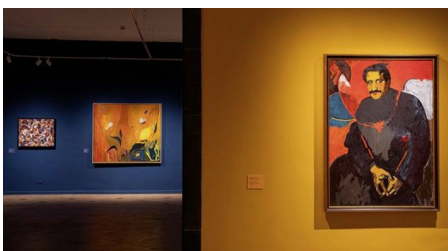
Arshile Gorky Work Acquired by Armenia's National Gallery in Landmark New Exhibition



The National Gallery of Armenia has officially opened the exhibition “Arshile Gorky: New York – Yerevan: A New Acquisition,” featuring the world-renowned Armenian American artist Arshile Gorky’s graphic work *Untitled* (1944) — pencil on paper, measuring 45.4 × 55.5 cm.

The event was attended by Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan, Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports Zhanna Andreasyan, Yerevan Mayor Tigran Avinyan, members of the government, and Deputy Minister Alfred Kocharyan.

Congratulating attendees on World Art



Day, Minister Andreasyan noted that the date is significant for several reasons. Last year on the same day, the National Gallery reopened after nearly four years of renovation, made possible by more than 800 million drams in state funding. The reopening allowed the museum to redesign its permanent exhibition and make previously unseen works accessible to the public.

She recalled that on the day of the gallery’s reopening last year — which is also Arshile Gorky’s birthday — the museum displayed a small Gorky work that had been donated in 1974 as a

symbolic tribute to the great artist. This year, exactly one year later, Armenia was able to commemorate his birthday in a far more substantial way: by welcoming an important original work into the National Gallery’s permanent collection.

According to the minister, the



acquisition became possible through the state’s museum collection enhancement program. Through international auction monitoring conducted by the Culture Development Foundation, officials discovered that one of Gorky’s works was being offered by the prestigious Sotheby’s auction house. As a result of government intervention and cultural policy efforts, more than 30 million drams were allocated to secure the work, giving the Armenian public the opportunity to engage more deeply with one of the most significant artists of Armenian heritage.

Andreasyan added that the government allocated more than 330 million drams last year for the acquisition of cultural valuables for various museums. She expressed confidence that this year, too, Armenia will continue bringing important cultural treasures back home, placing them in Armenian museums and reconnecting the public with its cultural heritage.

In his remarks, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan emphasized that Arshile Gorky is one of the most significant figures in both world art and Armenian artistic heritage. He said the event reflects the government’s broader vision that the Republic of Armenia must become the cultural, intellectual, and



ideological center of Armenian life worldwide.

Pashinyan noted that throughout history, centers of Armenian life have shifted from places such as Madras, Istanbul, Tbilisi, and Venice. Today, he said, Armenia seeks to ensure that the Republic itself serves as the permanent center of Armenian cultural life in every respect.

He further stressed that the critical mass of Armenian art and cultural heritage must reside in Armenia, adding that this acquisition is part of a larger government policy. Similar important repatriations of heritage have recently taken place at the History Museum and the Matenadaran, underscoring a deliberate strategy to bring Armenian-origin artistic and cultural treasures to Armenia as their enduring home.

The acquisition itself was made under the 2025 state-funded museum collections expansion program of Armenia’s Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports. During monitoring of international auction houses and private galleries, the Culture Development Foundation identified Gorky’s *Untitled* (1944) at Sotheby’s in London.

The auction opened at €45,000, with an estimated top price of €70,000. During the December 3, 2025 auction, the Armenian government successfully acquired the piece for 30,978,000 drams (€70,749.60), after which it was permanently placed in the National Gallery of Armenia.

Antalya Diplomacy Forum opens with leaders from over 150 countries



World leaders, foreign ministers and senior officials are gathering in Türkiye's southern resort city of Antalya for the fifth Antalya Diplomacy Forum, which opens on April 17 under the theme "Mapping Tomorrow, Managing Uncertainties."

Held under the auspices of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and hosted by

the Foreign Ministry, the three-day event is expected to focus on the wars, political volatility and economic pressures reshaping the international system.

Erdoğan will address the three-day Antalya Diplomacy Forum when it opens on April 17.

The foreign ministers of Türkiye, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt are to meet on the sidelines of the forum, with the war and the blockade of the crucial Strait of Hormuz expected to dominate. The timing of the meeting has not yet been announced.

Turkish officials say representatives from more than 150 countries will attend, including over 20 heads of state and government, nearly 15 deputy

leaders and more than 50 ministers, over 40 of them foreign ministers. More than 75 international organizations, over 460 high-level participants and nearly 5,000 guests are also expected in Antalya.

Among the participants are Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

Armenia is participating in the 2026 Antalya Diplomacy Forum (April 17-19), but at a reduced level compared to previous years. Deputy Foreign Minister Vahan Kostanyan will represent Armenia. Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan and special envoy Ruben Rubinyan are not attending this year.

Armenia's Airports Served Nearly 5.7 Million Passengers in 2025



Armenia's airports served approximately 5.7 million passengers in 2025, marking a 7.5% increase

compared to the previous year, according to Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure Davit Khudatyan.

Of the total, 1.3 million passengers were transported by Armenian airlines.

As part of a government support program, low-cost carrier Wizz Air established a base at Yerevan's airport in October 2025.

During the year, 48 airlines operated regular flights across 67 destinations, with 10 new routes launched, including flights from Gyumri's Shirak Airport to Larnaca.

Authorities plan to further expand flight geography, including additional routes from Gyumri.

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Bedross Der Matossian Receives Prestigious Guggenheim Fellowship



The Board of Trustees of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation announced the appointment of the 101st class of Guggenheim Fellows, honoring 223 exceptional individuals across 55 disciplines. Selected through a highly competitive application and peer-review process from a pool of nearly 5,000 candidates, the 2026 Fellows were chosen for both their distinguished records of achievement and their outstanding potential for future contributions.

The Fellows' projects engage deeply with both enduring questions and urgent global challenges. Their work explores the promise and risks of

artificial intelligence, advances transformative innovations in medical technology, examines the historical foundations of contemporary crises, and pioneers bold new directions in the arts.

Bedross Der Matossian, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, is among this year's recipients of a Guggenheim Fellowship. During his fellowship, Der Matossian will undertake a major research project examining the history of mass violence in Eastern Anatolia and the Caucasus over the past two centuries, shedding new light on patterns of conflict, memory, and historical interpretation.

Der Matossian commented, "Receiving this fellowship is both humbling and inspiring. It not only affirms the work I have devoted myself to over the years, but also provides me with the time, resources, and encouragement to continue pursuing ambitious projects that challenge me creatively and intellectually. I am profoundly grateful to the selection committee for this recognition, as well as to my family in Lincoln, Jerusalem, Los Angeles, Yerevan, and Beirut; my friends and

colleagues; and the scholars who wrote recommendation letters. Their support and guidance have been invaluable throughout my journey."

Established in 1925 by U.S. Senator Simon Guggenheim and Olga Guggenheim in memory of their son, John Simon Guggenheim, the foundation is dedicated to advancing scholarship and artistic creation by supporting individuals in pursuing independent research under the freest possible conditions.

A leading scholar of modern Middle East history, Der Matossian currently teaches at the Department of History at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. He has previously taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Chicago. An author, editor, and co-editor of nine books, his works include the forthcoming volume *Shattered Truths: Denial of Genocides in the Digital Age* (University of Nebraska Press, 2027).

Armenia recognized as destination of 2026 in Cyprus



The Embassy of the Republic of Armenia in Cyprus, in cooperation with the Cyprus Travel Writers and Journalists Society, hosted an event presenting Armenia an award as the

"Destination of 2026," the embassy said.

The event brought together representatives of travel agencies and tour operators, travel bloggers, media representatives and influencers, officials and other stakeholders from the tourism sector.

In her remarks, Ambassador Inna Torgomyan highlighted the significance of the award and expressed appreciation for the recognition, noting that it provides an important opportunity to further promote Armenia's visibility as an attractive

and competitive tourism destination.

Armenia's rich cultural heritage, historical landmarks, and tourism potential were presented through visual materials and publications, offering attendees a comprehensive overview of the country's diverse travel experiences. During the event, guests were introduced to a variety of traditional dishes representing Armenian cuisine.

The cultural programme was further enriched by a musical performance from the renowned Cypriot-Armenian artist Hovig.

Hratch & Carolyn Kouyoumdjian: In Praise of AUA's Quality Education in Armenia



AUA Pillars and scholarship program supporters Hratch and Carolyn Kouyoumdjian have now joined hands to support the American University of Armenia's (AUA) 'Build a Better Future with AUA' capital campaign, a drive to raise funds for the construction of the University's new Science & Engineering building.

Hratch Kouyoumdjian was born in Baghdad, Iraq, with his father's side originally from Talas and his mother's from Gesariya. He grew up in a large Armenian household with his parents, siblings, and grandparents. Though the primary language spoken at home was Armenian, his elementary schooling was in Arabic, and his high school and college education was in English.

Afterwards, Kouyoumdjian graduated from a small Jesuit college in Iraq with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. In 1968, he moved to Buffalo, New York where he attended graduate school at the State

University of New York and subsequently launched a career as a structural engineer. In 1977, he moved to San Francisco, California and worked for a major engineering firm until he established his own firm in 1987. In 1986, Hratch and Carolyn were married, and had one daughter. Currently retired, they reside in Berkeley, CA.

He recalls learning about AUA through his friendship with co-founder and fourth president of AUA Dr. Armen Der Kiureghian, who introduced him to the University and inspired his interest in AUA and subsequent commitment to its advancement. "Soon after that, my wife and I traveled to Armenia, where we visited the campus and met students and several members of the faculty. We were both quite impressed with what had been accomplished in such a brief period of time. Since our first visit, we have returned to AUA on each of our subsequent trips to Armenia," he says.

During their first visit to Armenia back in the nascent years of development of the independent republic, Hratch and Carolyn had noted the country's dire need for modernization and for fostering effective connections with other parts of the world. They also believed that meaningful progress in any part of today's changing world cannot be achieved without an

educated population. "Quality education is a requisite for meaningful progress. AUA is playing a pivotal role in developing the future leaders of Armenia while ensuring its graduates are in a position to compete on a global level," they say.

As AUA enhances its commitment to develop science and technology education through the 'Build a Better Future with AUA' initiative, the Kouyoumdjians believe that the University's leadership role will become increasingly propitious in preparing students to address the challenges ahead that require advanced capabilities in science and engineering subjects to enable Armenia's growth and usher its participation in select global technology markets.

"AUA is clearly playing a vital role in this growth process. Educating the next generation to become effective leaders and powerful contributors to Armenian society is of utmost importance for the country's advancement," the Kouyoumdjians affirm, noting how impressive it is to see the growing number of AUA graduates assuming key positions in the demanding industries that will shape Armenia's future.

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St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church

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The Armenian Radio and Armenian Interests newsletter mission is to promote Armenian cultural/educational/social functions run by non-profit organizations

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ [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 25, 2026 - Concert commemorating the Armenian Genocide at St. Leon Armenian Church](#)
- ◆ [April 26, 2026 - Armenian Genocide remembrance at Times Square](#)
- ◆ [April 29, 2026 - Online lecture evening organized by Diocese of the Armenian Church of Australia and New Zealand](#)
- ◆ [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 1, 2026 - St. Mary Armenian Church annual golf outing](#)
- ◆ [June 5 - St. Thomas Cultural Committee Presents Sip & Paint](#)
- ◆ [June 6, 2026 - Holy Martyrs Armenian Day School annual dinner dance gala](#)
- ◆ [July 13-31, 2026 - NAASR summer Armenian studies program](#)
- ◆ [June 14 - July 25, 2026 - AGBU Global Leadership Program in Yerevan](#)
- ◆ [August 27-September 7, 2026 - Trip to Jerusalem](#)

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- ◆ [April 10, 2027 - Hovnanian School’s 50th anniversary gala](#)

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ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION

Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 4 PM

Huff Pond, Memorial Drive, Montvale, NJ

Inclement Weather Location: Montvale Community Center at 1 Memorial Drive

Keynote Speaker: Nina Shahverdyan
Educator and Activist from Stepanakert, Artsakh

Under the Auspices of The Honorable Mike Ghassali, Mayor of Montvale

Invited Clergy

Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church
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Invited Guests

Congressman Mike Lawler (NY)
Congressman Josh Gottheimer (NJ)
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Musical Interlude

Oudist Ara Dinkjian

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APRIL 19, 2026



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ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SILENCE

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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For More Information Contact:

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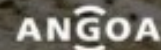
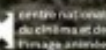
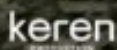
Keren Production: Samuel Moutel, Max Leneveu and Blandine Besnard - Image: Sargis Kharazian

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




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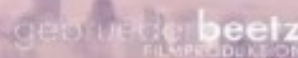
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An Evening of Remembrance Honoring the Victims of the Armenian Genocide



Chris Bohjalian

Wednesday, April 22, 2026
6:00-9:00pm

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Zulal Trio

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- Doors open at 6:00
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- Program begins at 7:30 for a discussion with acclaimed novelist Chris Bohjalian
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- Program hosted by Vartan Abdo of the Armenian Radio Hour of New Jersey

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ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY



Date

Thursday
April 23, 2026

Time

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us for this free in-person event:

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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In Memory of Arsene B. Haroutunian

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Featuring artists from the Hratch and Suzanne Toufayan
Youth Center at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin



Date & Time

April 25

7:00 PM

Wine Reception

7:45 PM

Performance

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1:30PM
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**SATURDAY
APRIL 11 - 12PM**

ARMENIAN FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

309 MAIN STREET
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**SATURDAY
APRIL 18 - 4PM**

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION

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**SATURDAY
APRIL 25 - 7PM**

ARMPOLK GROUP CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

ST LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
FAIR LAWN, NJ

**MONDAY
APRIL 27 - 12PM**

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HIS BEATITUDE ARCHBISHOP SAHAK MASHALIAN
Patriarch of Constantinople

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2026 at 7.00 PM AEST

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Lecture series

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This lecture series will explore efforts to identify and recover Armenian art looted during the Armenian Genocide, drawing parallels with Nazi-looted art and restitution of colonial-era art.

- **Friday, May 1, 2026, at 6:30 PM (ET)**
 - The Graduate Center, City University of New York
- **Monday, May 4, 2026, at 7:30 PM (ET)**
 - St. Leon Armenian Church
- **Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 7:30 PM (ET)**
 - NAASR



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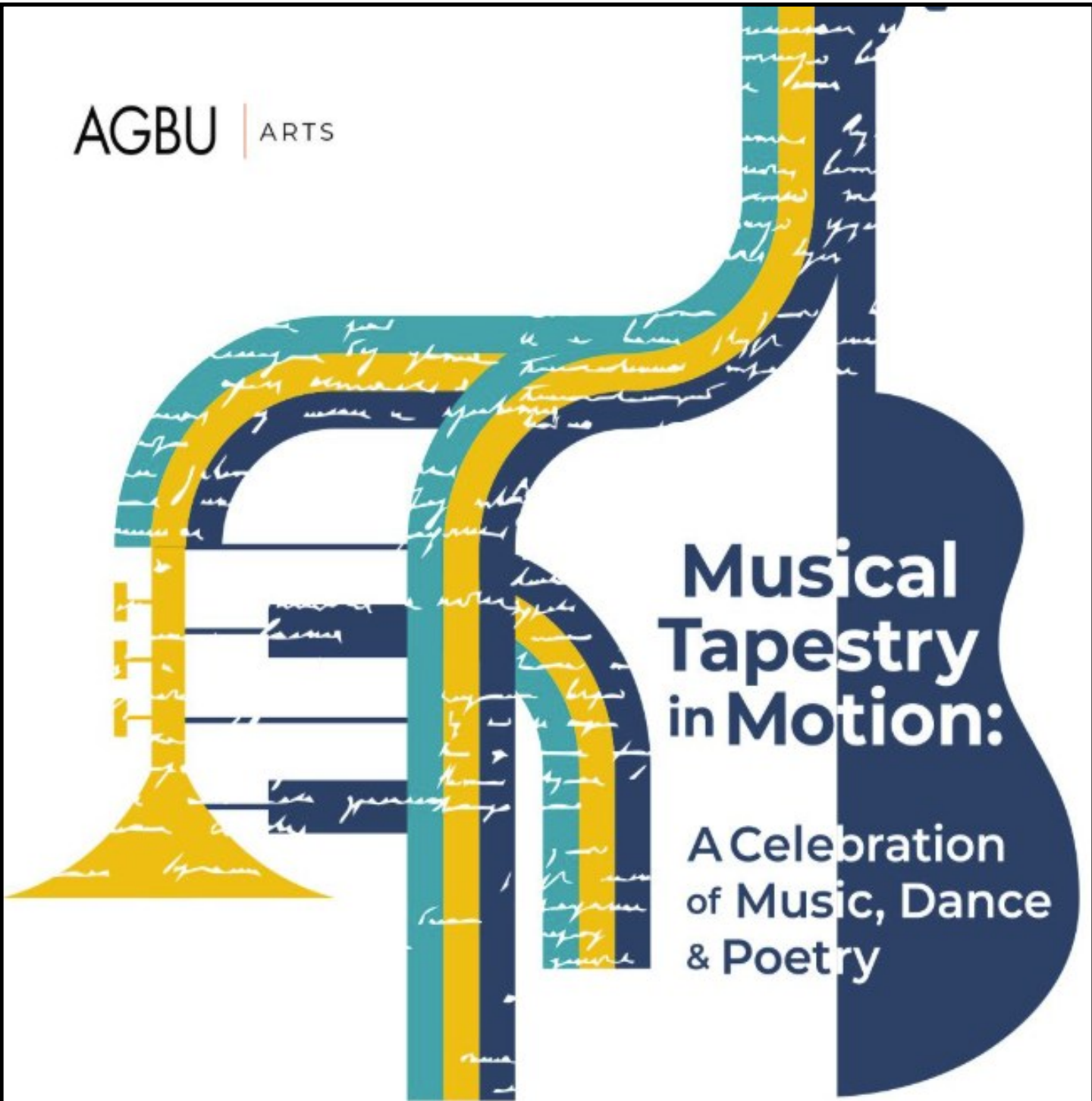


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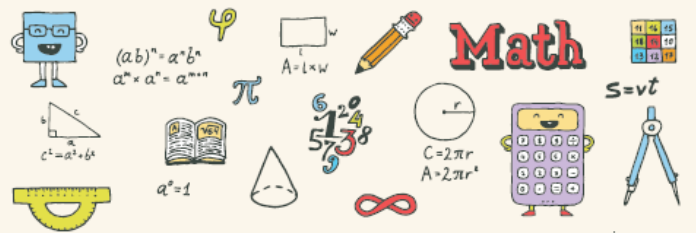
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