

Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
Cultural Committee

Arts
Education
Program



2018



The Art Education program of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church under the direction of Janna Guegamian is preparing for another wonderful year of programming for children. We are the only parish in the entire Diocese that offers such a great program to develop the artistic and creative abilities of our children in a context of Armenian culture. As you may know, the program has been very successful and teaches a wide array of arts from violin and piano to sculpture and painting. The programming takes place on Saturdays throughout the fall and winter and is always looking to encourage new students to participate. If your children have participated in the past, we look forward to enrolling them once again this year and if they have never participated and would like your to participate, please fill out the enrollment form and contact Mrs. Janna at your earliest convenience.

May God bless our church, the program and you for a safe conclusion of the summer. Prayerfully **Fr. Der Shnork Souin, Pastor**

On behalf of Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church Parish Council, we are very excited to provide you and your family an Arts and Education program. These youth oriented classes for Art and Music are the only programs in our Diocese.

These very affordable classes are taught by our very talented parishioners and local community. Music and Art classes include drawing, sculpture, piano, guitar, vocal, dance, violin, singing and more!

We could not be more proud of our students, faculty and leadership and we wish them the best success in the upcoming 2018-2019 year.

Steve Megrđichian, Parish Council Chairman



The Cultural Committee continues its **Arts Education Program** for the 19th year. Our program was established to encourage our younger generation to appreciate and enjoy music and other forms of art. The program began in September 1999, and because of the enthusiasm and interest shown by the students and parents, it is continuing with much success. We currently have over 70 students enrolled. The ranges of programs offered are: drawing, sculpture, piano, violin, guitar, flute, dance, theater, and voice training. Our dance group, "Nazeli", is in its twelfth year. There are now two groups, youth and children. They have also performed during the Annual Youth Talent Show. We are very proud that we were able to create this unique program, which is not available anywhere else in our area. We

invite all Armenians to take part in this program, and not forget that our nationality continues through our religion, language and art. The Arts Education Program takes place in the Egavian Cultural Center, 70 Jefferson Street, Providence, RI 02908. For application or more information about the Arts Education Program please see Church website <http://stsahmes.org/NewWebsite/culturalcommittee.shtml>

Best regards, **Mrs. Janna Guegamian**,
Chair of the Arts Education Program.



Our Teachers



Mrs. Angin Ovanesyan is an artist with over 30 years of teaching experience in various schools and studios. Angin studied at the Rostov Grekov Art College in Russia, Yerevan State Art Academy in Armenia, and the Ivan Fyodorov Polygraphic University in Ukraine. Angin has exhibited in the United States and Europe and has illustrated numerous books. Throughout her 17 years of teaching at the Art Educational Program at Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church in RI, Angin has shared her knowledge and love for painting, drawing, and sculpture with over 320 students.

Artur Ovanesyan graduated from the Yerevan State Art Academy in Armenia and has taught painting and drawing at schools, studios, and colleges. Artur is an original painter with over 35 years of experience. He has shown his works in galleries in the United States and Europe. He has volunteered at the Art Educational Program for many years.



Mezzo-Soprano **Gohar Manjelian** is an Armenian artist currently living in the United States. In Armenia she began her singing career in 1981, when she was accepted as a member of the State Academic Chorus. She graduated from Komitas State Conservatory of Yerevan. Since her arrival in the United States she has sung in many Armenian and American churches. Her extensive repertoire includes a wide range of European, Russian and Armenian operas as well as classical, romantic and sacred music. "How Great Thou Art" is her first CD of sacred Armenian songs. Mrs. Gohar is a longstanding vocal teacher of the Arts Education Program.

Mr. Yoon Chung received his Bachelor's degree in Piano Performance at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and received his Master's degree at the Rice University. He has recently received an Artist Diploma in the field of Piano Performance at the Longy School of Music of Bard College and is currently a piano faculty member at the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra and Music School. He has received further musical instructions during his studies at the Aspen Music Festival and Brevard Music Center, and he also composes music during his spare time.



Mari Panosian, She is born in Yerevan, Armenia. She graduated from Arno Babajanian College of music and the Komitas Conservatory with honors. She graduated from the University of Rhode Island with her Master's Degree in piano performance. She has given a number of solo concerts. She has competed in various competitions throughout New England and has received awards in first place. Mari Panosian is currently organist and choir director at Lakewood Baptist Church. She is a piano accompanist of the Armenian Chorale of Rhode Island since 1995. Now she is a piano teacher of the Arts Education Program.

Mr. Vahan Grigorian, guitar player, singer, is a native of Armenia. Since 1962 he was a guitarist and singer of "Armenia café" music ensemble for ten years, and continued his career with "Ani" band in Yerevan. Since 1976 after moving to US, he continued his music carrier, organized "Yerevan" music band in RI, and made DJ service for community events for many years. He is a member of Church Choir. Since 2003 he has been a guitar teacher for over 60 students of the Arts Education Program.



Mr. Hagop Anmahian, native from Bulgaria is a accomplished concert violinist and violin teacher. He is holding a Diploma from Conservatory in the city of Sofia for violin performance and teaching and has rich experience being long time a orchestra player in few major symphony orchestras in Europe as first violinist and Concertmaster including USA. Now is still active musician and is teaching violin at Arts Education Program.



The Nazeli Armenian Dance Group was created in October 2000 under the auspices of the Cultural Committee's Arts Education Program of Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church of Providence, RI. The goal of the group is to inspire young Armenians through the traditional music and dance, and to preserve and promote the Armenian heritage in Diaspora. The Nazeli Children and Youth Groups have given many successful performances in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Florida, and Washington, D.C., as well as in Canada - Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton. Our talented choreographers, **Narine Lemme, Narine Amroyan, and Lusine Corsini**, share their enthusiasm and love for the Armenian dance and culture with the Armenian youth of RI.



Guitar group

Junior choir



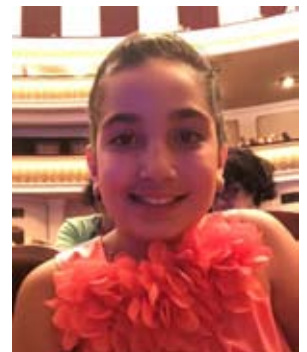
Petros Lemme, 11 years old: “The reason I do dance, art, music, and choir is that I like learning and improving. When I am working on my drawing, painting or sculpture and I complete it, I get a feeling of satisfaction. When I’m doing music, I practice a lot, sometimes it gets frustrating, but it brings me great pleasure when I fully learn my piece. At dance, we don’t have many boys, but then I’m one of the few boys who can say they can dance. In choir, I learn a lot and I enjoy singing with other choir members. I do all these activities because it makes me accomplish things that I could have never done without these programs.”

Hasmik Lemme, 9 years old: “The art program, music program, and dance and choir programs have given me great experience. I like how the art teachers show their work as examples and we can copy it, sometimes we use our imagination to draw or sculpt different things. In music, my teacher always makes classes fun and lets us choose our music pieces. In dance, I have made a lot of friends, and I always have a great time working on new dances and performing in beautiful Armenian costumes. I like learning Armenian songs during our choir rehearsals and participating in different concerts.”



My name is **Vanne Emdjian**. I love Art class because I get to work with a lot of different materials. My teacher helps me when I am working with an element I have never used before, since I am new to Art class this is very common. I have been going to art for a year and I have learned so much. I have learned a lot about composition and the basic, yet important things to know about painting, sculpting with clay, and drawing.

I **Ani Hovagimian** am going to St. SahagMesrob Armenian Church in Providence . I am taking Piano ,Art and Music classes. Also learning how to speak read and write in Armenian. I love that my mom signed me up for all this classes .Can’t wait to go back in September.

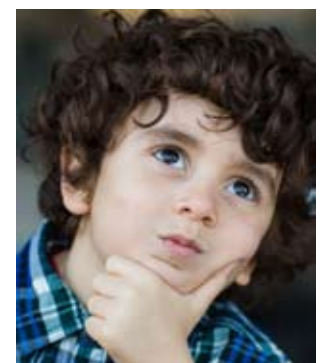


Natalie Brojek

Hello, my name is **Adam Khaykin**. I became a vocal student of the Arts last September. My teacher is kind, caring, patient, attentive and a professional Mezzo Soprano! She is amazing and others have noticed my vocal abilities improvement, past carrying a tune, which comes naturally to me. Through Gohar, I gained confidence and improved my vocal range tri folds! It takes commitment, time and hard work, but being serious about vocal training and acting. My ambitions include becoming a Broadway Travel Cast Member. I know, Gohar, will help me prepare, not just dream.



Andrew Vartan Harris



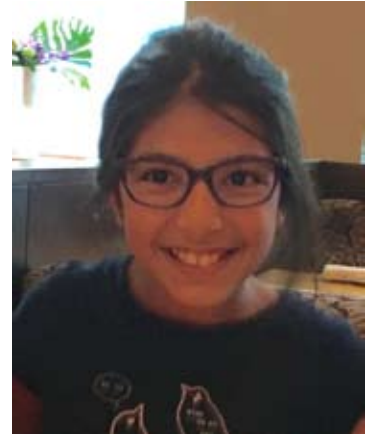


Gohar Vorperian

The Art Education Program was an amazing experience that I am proud to be apart of. I am involved in multiple aspects of the program including, art, choir, guitar, and dance. The program created and strengthened many of my friendships. I had lots of fun and enjoyed every minute of my classes, and can't wait to begin classes again.

Sophie Vorperian

At Saint Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church I attend dance classes. In those classes I met new people and have made new friendships. I have also learned Armenian dances and dancing techniques. I enjoy going to all of the classes and I am grateful to be a part of the program.



My name is **Maral Zobian**, and I have been with Nazeli Dance and Junior Choir for around 8 years. My experience has been simply wonderful. I've met some of my closest friends there, and every week I can't wait to see them. We learn so much about Armenian Cultural dance, while also having fun. In Junior Choir, we sing old Armenian songs and even learn Hymns. Nazeli Dance and Junior Choir is like a big, supportive family in which we learn deeper into our heritage by dancing and singing modern and ancient Armenian songs.

I can't believe another school year has come to an end and we are done with our dance program here at the church. I just wanted you to know how much our kids enjoy coming here and participating in this fun filled dance program. **Yasmeen Tariq** loves all her dance instructors and enjoys the company of all her friends very much; and **Naveed**, being a boy surprises me with his love of dance. Even when he is sick, he worries about having to miss his dance class that day. And I really think it is because of all the kind, caring and warmhearted teachers we've got, and yours, Janna, and Maestro's patient leadership, that my children can't wait to be here every week.

Narine Lemme is a "gem", full of love, energy and passion for teaching dance. We appreciate her so much! We are forever grateful for that and for a lot more in future! Thank you for everything you do and for all the sweet memories for our kids to treasure...! With love, Knara Tariq and family.



Sonya Cheteyan

I have really benefited from being taught by my piano teacher, Yoon Chung. He gave me the encouragement that need to move on no matter how many times I fail. He is always open to questions and he gives advice when I needed it. I feel like a professional because of him.

I thank Arts Program of the Sts Sahag and Mesrob Church for providing me the opportunity to attend and to learn from one of the best teachers.



Susanna Ovsepien.

I really enjoy the Arts Education Program at my church. During dance class it is fun to learn dance moves from our Armenian culture. The art class teaches me new skills and techniques. Piano class is enjoyable to learn new songs and practice playing Armenian music. My participation in these programs keeps my Armenian heritage alive. I appreciate all my teachers hard work and dedication to help us learn and be active leaders.

Shiyuan (Shirley) Huang.

When I first began taking art classes, I only knew how to draw using pencil. During my classes, I have learned to work with other materials, like pen and clay. My art teachers, Mrs. and Mr. Ovanesyan, are patient and supportive. They provide me with helpful feedback that improves my skills and my artwork. I started piano lessons without any knowledge of piano, and it was through my lessons that I learned how to read sheet music. My piano teacher, Mr. Chung, challenged me with achievable pieces that still required hard work to master. I learned many pieces, but more importantly, I learned how to effectively practice piano.



Larisa Poghosyan

Three years ago I joined the Nazeli Dance Group, and I have so much fun learning dances with my friends. My favorite part is trying on the dresses for our talent shows. I think Armenian dance is important because we can teach it to other people

Ani Poghosyan

I joined the Arts Program when I was around 4 years old and ever since that first day at dance class. I have made many good friends and learned different dances that are able to keep the Armenian culture alive. I am also participant in the Art Classes held here at the church. Over the years, the art classes have allowed me to express myself with pencils, pens, and paintbrushes, and the teachers always encourage you to try your best whether or not you have any artistic ability.



My name is **Vera Mkrtchian** and I'm 6 years old. This was my first year attending to Art and Piano class. I loved and enjoyed both of the classes. My piano teacher was Mrs. Mari. I loved being in piano class and trying to compose music with her. She was very patient and kind. The Art class was very interesting and fun. We painted and created sculptures of animals. I was so happy when we presented each of our art work at the exhibit, telling the parents all the things we learned in that class.



Athena Gong





Siran Sahakian



Alex Sahakian



Sofia Sahakian

I just wanted to let you know that we are very impressed with the art programs that you are running . I have 3 kids in the program who are doing piano, violin, voice and art and I can't say enough good things about all of the teachers that are teaching. We love each one of them. My son **Alex** is 4 years old and the art instructor went above and beyond to help my young child to be successful. And piano teacher is very polite and sweet and the progress that both **Sofia and Siran** show is outstanding. Both of the voice and violin teachers are really good too. The amount of education they receive in such a short time is really impressing. And I can't not say enough how happy I am with the entire program!!

Thank you so much for a wonderful year and we can't wait to start it all over again!

Viktorya Sahakian, parent of **Alex, Sofia, and Siran**.



Emily Stepanian

I really enjoyed taking piano lessons. My piano teacher was great. She taught me a lot. I'm definitely taking piano lessons again. It was a lot of fun.

Hayk Stepanian

I really liked art. They taught me a lot of ways to better my skills. It was interesting to see all the different ways to create art. It really challenged me and made me a better artist.



David Stepanian

Art was really fun. I was able to create art with clay. That was my favorite part.



My name is **Davit Khachatryan** and I am 11 years old. I did not know how to play the guitar until I went to the Arts Education Program at Saint Sahag and Mesrob Church in Providence. Enger Vahan taught me so much about the guitar and it felt great playing a song at the concert. I am very thankful for this program.



Hi My name is **Elizabeth Allakhverdova**. I'm 7 years old. I love Art classes. I enjoy going there every Saturday, enjoying spending time with other kids to . My teacher is very good helping me and teaching art, and drawing, and painting other stuff. I going back in fall for more art.

We would like to thank you for another successful year of piano lessons for our son **Maxwell Melikian**. He looks forward to his. Saturday lessons with his teacher Yoon Chung. It's been rewarding for us to watch his skill level increase over the years. Thank you for all you do! Fondly,
Mark and Stephanie Melikian, parents



Ian Lin.

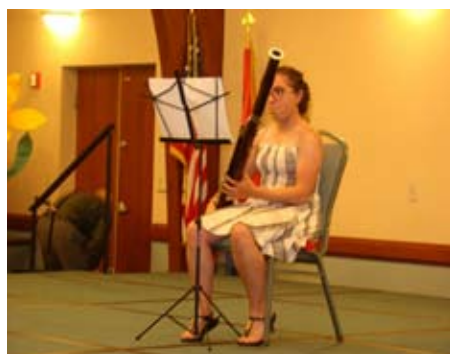
We have enjoyed Gohar's voice lessons a lot. Gohar is very patient and nice to kids. She tries her best to explain how things work and Ian has improved a lot in his singing. He has learned how to breathe better, and has started using diaphragm to sing. Before our voice lessons, Ian was not really interested in singing that much, but he now likes singing and enjoys performing. He has become more confident, as his techniques get better. He often receives compliments when he sings. Gohar is very loving, caring as well as professional when it comes to vocal teaching. Thanks. Christine, parent of Ian Lin



Eliza Ohanian



Avery Collins



Millie Sophie Harris



Violin class



Nazeli Dance group (children)



ART EXHIBITION



Ani Poghosyan



Alex Sahakian



Ani Hovagimian



Athena Gong



Emily Stepanian



Eric Wang



David Stepanian



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Petros Lemme



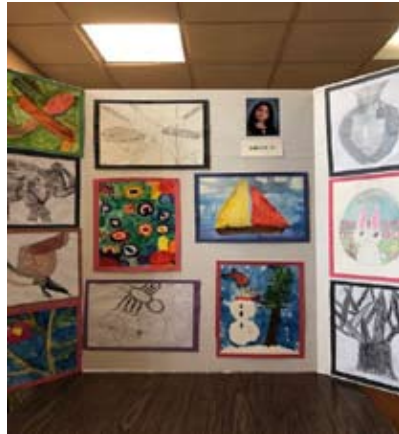
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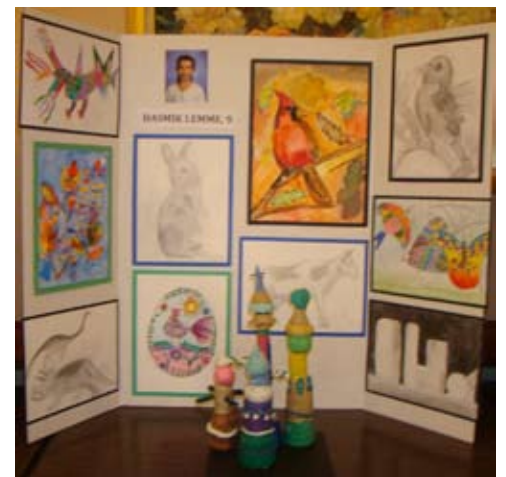
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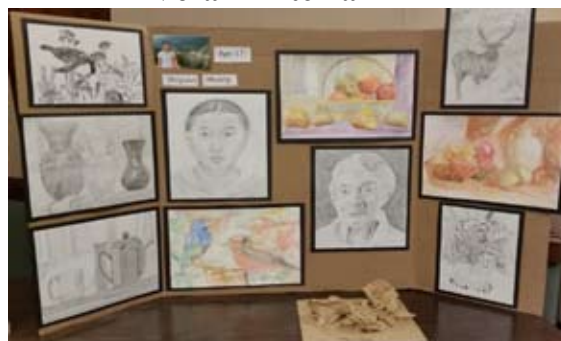
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Vera Mkrtchian



Hasmik Lemme



Shiyuan Huang



ARTS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
APPLICATION FORM FOR FIRST SEMESTER OF 2018 – 2019
AGES 5-17

| CLASSES: | Number of Children | Ages |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|------|
| Drawing and Sculpture | | |
| Nazeli Dance Group (ages 5-17) | | |
| Piano | | |
| Violin | | |
| Guitar | | |
| Flute | | |
| Voice training | | |
| Ballroom dance (new class) | | |
| Theatre class (ages 8 - 18) | | |

Name _____ e-mail _____
 Address _____ Tel.# _____

Registration is on Saturday, September 8, 2018
from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Cultural center, 70 Jefferson St. Providence, RI
Programs begin on Saturday, September 22, 2018.
Nazeli Dance groups begin Friday, September 14, 2018.
 Please send application to: Cultural Committee Arts Education Program
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