



KNAR Cultural News

**“Armenian Cultural hour”
Every Friday at 7:30 pm**

Dear Friends,

The “Armenian Cultural Hour”, which has been held every Friday by the Committee on Culture for the last 18 months, presented 65 programs for viewing. Every Friday of week, cultural and educational programs are presented, including concerts by famous Armenian performers from around the world, documentaries about Armenia, as well as monthly on-line meetings with Armenian Doctors who deliver lectures and answer questions to an online audience.

The program has become very popular not only in America, but also in other countries of the world. Many famous Armenian singers and musicians have expressed a desire to perform at these programs. In this difficult time the program is available for viewing for free and for everyone. Duration will be from 30 to 90 minutes. All events for you will be online.

Before each event, we will notify you with special poster. A couple of minutes before the start of the next “Armenia Cultural hour” program, you just need to click on the link: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/armenianchurchprovidence> which is placed on the poster for each event. If you missed our program on Friday, you can watch it, as well as all our previous programs, on any other day after the first show.

Thank you to all the Sponsors of the Cultural committee for supporting our programs. Special thanks to Mr. Daniel Ayriyan for computer editing, and technical deprivation of our programs.

Follow the schedule of our programs:

OCTOBER

- October 15 – “Artsakh”, *Documentary in English*
- October 22 – “Hayastan”/Armenia/, *Documentary in English*
- October 29 – Composer Martin Vardazaryan /concert from Stepanakert, Artsakh/

NOVEMBER

- November 5 – The Land of the Armenian Kings /Van, Diarbeqir, Dickranakert /, *Documentary in English*
- November 12 - The Land of the Armenian Kings /Ani, Kars, Edesia, Musaler/, *Documentary in English*
- November 19 - Konstantin Petrossian’s creative evening in Armenia
- November 26 – Armenian Spiritual Music

Enjoy the Programs.

Konstantin Petrossian, Cultural and Music Director

Konstantin Petrossian Honored and His Compositions Performed in Yerevan



Konstantin Petrossian, center, at the Komitas Chamber Music Center in Yerevan

By Aram Arkun, Managing Editor of “The Armenian Mirror Spectator”

YEREVAN – An evening devoted to the works of famous composer and conductor Konstantin Petrossian took place at the Komitas Chamber Music Center in Yerevan on September 14. Petrossian is the author of many compositions, including symphonic, choral, chamber, instrumental and vocal works, many of which have been published and performed in different countries of the world.



Konstantin Petrossian in front of a poster advertising the special evening dedicated to his works

He has been awarded the Movses Khorenatsi Medal of the Republic of Armenia for the exceptional advance of the development of Armenian culture and the St. Sahag and Mesrob Medal, the highest award of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with many other awards.

Petrossian moved to the United States in the 1995. He serves as the Cultural and Music Director of Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church of Providence and has also been the artistic director and conductor of the Armenian Chorale of Rhode Island. He has been the music director and conductor of the Erevan Choral Society since 2009. He was named Rhode Island Man of the Year in 1996.

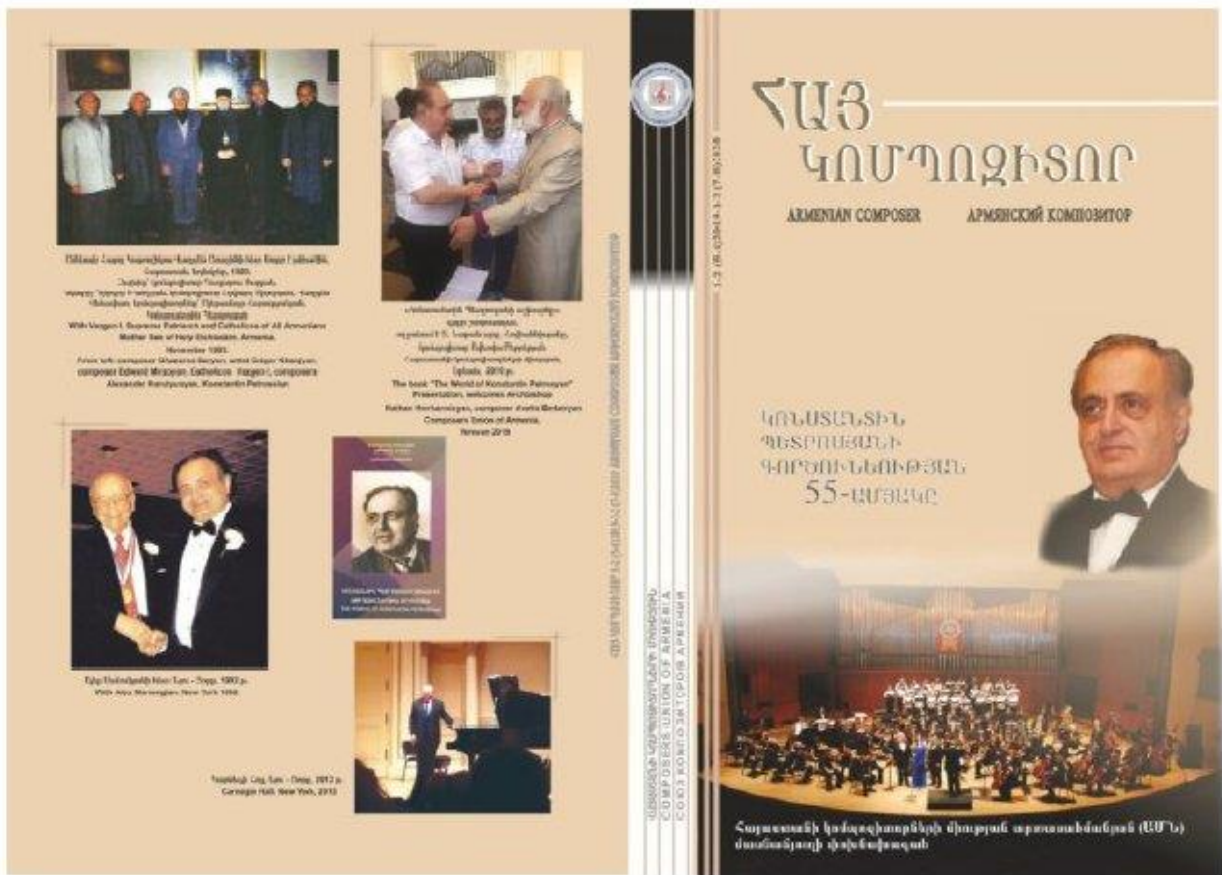


From right, conductor of the State Chamber Orchestra Harutiun Arzumanyan, Konstantin Petrossian, Magda Mkrtychyan, soloist of the Armenian National Opera, and Setrak Stepanian, soloist baritone

The concert of Petrossian's works, which took place at the Komitas Chamber Music Center, was performed by the State Chamber Orchestra of Armenia under the direction of Harutyun Arzumanyan, soloists of the National Opera Magda Mkrtychyan, Alina Pahlevanyan and Artak Stepanyan; instrumentalists cellist Aram Talalyan, trumpeter Daniel Melkonyan, bassoonist Nikolay Poghosyan and violinist Ani Khachunts; and pianists Lilit Artemyan, Levon Javadyan, Anahit Dilbaryan and Lilit Zakaryan. All these performers are internationally known and winners of various competitions and awards.

Well known chamber works of the composer were performed along with the premieres of two new works, Sonata for Bassoon and piano and Scherzo for Trumpet and Piano.

At the end of the concert, Petrossian's famous song "Hayastan" [Armenia] was played. The president of the Union of Composers of Armenia, composer Aram Satyan and the chairman of the Armenian Music Commission, composer Leon Chaushyan, made welcoming speeches. Many famous cultural figures and clergymen were present at the evening.



The front and back covers of a special issue of the periodical Hay Kompozitor [Armenian Composer] dedicated to Konstantin Petrossian's 55th anniversary of work. The evening dedicated to the works of Konstantin Petrossian was a great success, with a large audience, and left its mark on the cultural life of Armenia. In addition, the Union of Composers of Armenia published a special magazine issue dedicated to the 55th anniversary of Petrossian's professional activity at this occasion.

Petrossian later commented, upon returning to the United States: "It was very important for me to have such a concert of my compositions, especially in my homeland. I am so happy that it turned out to be such a significant cultural event. Meanwhile, I am already actively working on some new musical projects." He stressed that in the United States, "I do everything in my activities here to make contemporary Armenian music and art better know."

Dear friends,

I know that this concert was live streamed on Facebook and many of you watched it. I have received many congratulations, warm words and good wishes from you and friends from many countries. I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you, for your congratulations and good wishes. Indeed, it was a great honor for me to hold this concert in my homeland, in Armenia. And I am very happy that it was successful. I would especially like to express my gratitude and appreciation to all of the soloists, conductor and State chamber orchestra of Armenia for performing the program at a high artistic level. And also to thank the Union of Composers of Armenia, the Komitas Chamber Music Center, all the friends who did everything for a successful concert.

The video recording of this concert will be shown in our program "Armenian Cultural Hour" on Friday, November 19th.

*Best regards,
Konstantin Petrossian*

Rev. Fr. Shnork Souin, Pastor

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ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The **Arts Education Program** continue the first semester of the 2021 - 2022 academic year. Students attend lessons in drawing, sculpture (teachers Anne and Arthur Ovanesian), violin (Gregory Ayriyan), piano (Mari Panosian, Gregory Ayriyan), vocals (Gohar Menjelian), guitar (Vahan Grigorian). Especially great interest is the dance group Nazeli (choeographers Narine Lemme and Lusine Corsini), where 20 boys and girls participate. Nazeli's group successfully performed in August at the church's annual picnic, and is now preparing a new dances. Arts Education Program invites children to participate. All lessons are held on Saturdays, Nazeli dance on Mondays from 6 to 8 The application can be obtained from the church office. For all questions, please contact Mrs. Janna Guegamian, Chair of Program (401) 861 3573, e-mail: petroskon@aol.com



The Cultural Committee & Armenian Chorale of Rhode Island

presents

“O Holy Night”



Christmas Concert

featuring

***The Armenian Chorale of Rhode Island
Soloists***

Friday, December 10, 2021, 7:30 P.M.

*in the Sanctuary of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church
70 Jefferson St., Providence, RI*

Refreshments following concert

Donations greatly appreciated

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