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Fresno's Armenian Genocide Centennial Committee Unveils Program for Next Year – Lecture, Workshops

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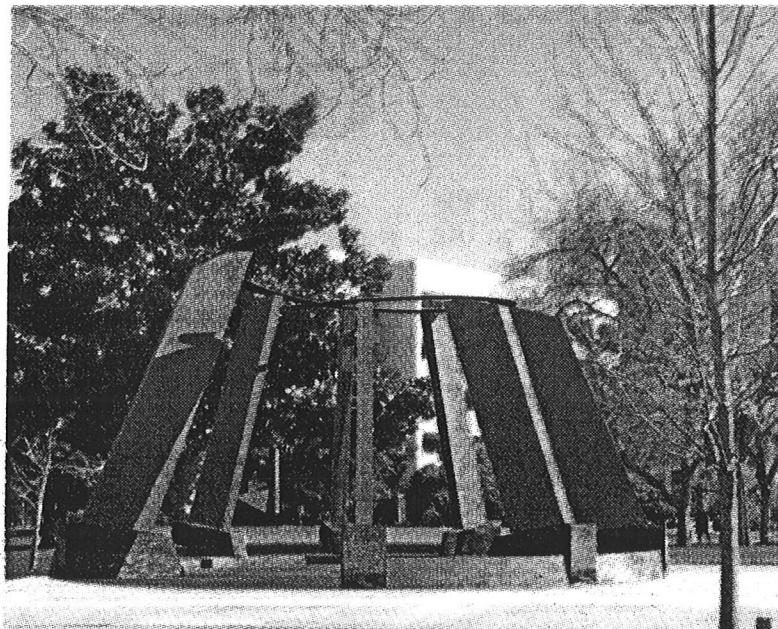
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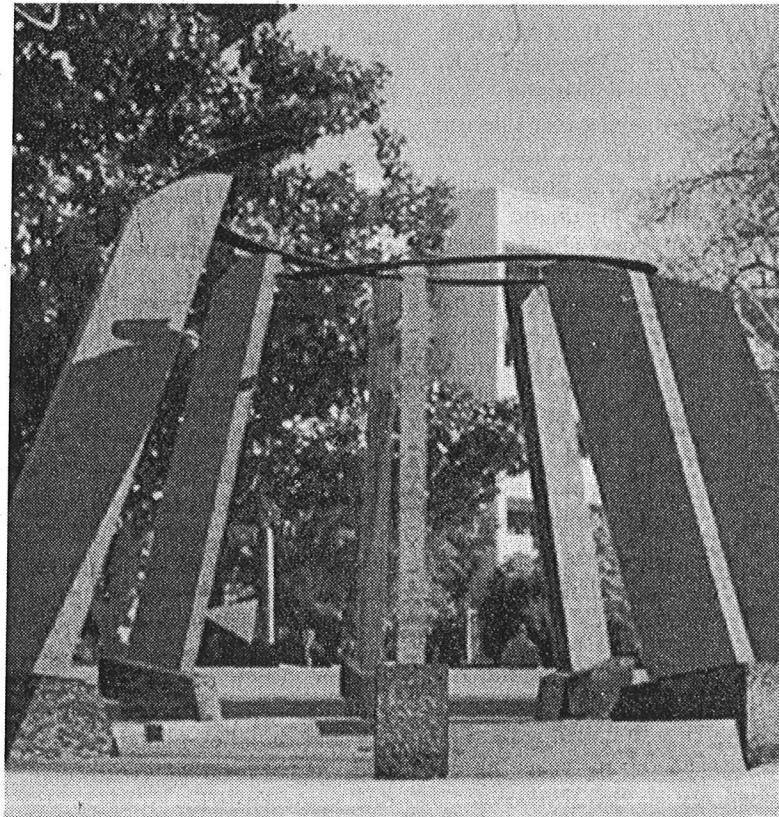
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Fresno State Armenian Studies Program, College Newspaper Anniversaries Celebrated

By Marine Vardanyan

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Editor Valeh Messerlian (1984-1985) stated that *Hye Sharzhoom* had "done an outstanding job of showcasing the successes of the Armenian Studies Program and the Armenian Students Organization, keeping up with current events, and presenting the richness of our culture and heritage." Former editors Arakel Arisian (1997-1998) and Tamar Karkazian (2010-2013) also recounted the high points of their tenure as *Hye Sharzhoom* editors.

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The Armenian Studies Program was honored to have Fresno State President Dr. Joseph Castro and his wife, Mary Castro, in attendance. Joseph Castro is a first-generation college graduate and a Valley native, and his position as the head of the university "gives a fresh look upon what a university is," said Dr. Sergio La Porta in his introduction. "It's not an institution...it's an organic, dynamic place where people come alive in ways they never thought."

Although he is in only his first year as Fresno State president, Castro is already familiar with and impressed by the Armenian Studies Program and its contribution to Fresno State and the community at large. "I sense how important the Armenian Studies Program is for the campus, for the community, and for the nation. I would like to compliment everyone who has helped to build this incredible Program."

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From left, Dean Charles Boyer of the Jordan College of Agriculture, Prof. Barlow Der Mugrdechian, Fresno State President Dr. Joseph Castro and Mary Castro, Dr. Sergio La Porta, and Dean Vida Samiian of the College of Arts & Humanities

President outlined his ideas and his vision of the bright future that awaits Fresno State. "In short, I want to work with all of you to make Fresno State the very best university of its kind that it can be here in the nation," said Castro.

The Armenian Studies Program also welcomed Dr. Vida Samiian, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, who addressed the audience.

She said, "The Armenian Studies Program does so much with two faculty members, Barlow Der Mugrdechian and Sergio La Porta, who are amazing, and do the work of 10 faculty. Many of you in the audience are the product of our Program. We could not have accomplished what we have with the Program without you. Through your presence and your support, together we have the best undergraduate Armenian Studies Program in the United States...I also would like to congratulate the students who make all of us so proud with their achievements."

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Studies scholarships. Graduating senior Andrew Esguerra spoke of his outstanding memories while a student at Fresno State. Special recognition was also given to the executive officers of the Armenian Students Organization. Each student felt a sense of pride and achievement as they were recognized and received certificates of recognition from the Armenian Studies Program.

The evening ended with those in attendance showing their appreciation for the Armenian Studies Program and all that it has achieved. Guests left the banquet with a gift of books from the Armenian Series of The Press at Fresno State, along with photos taken in the photo booth during the reception.

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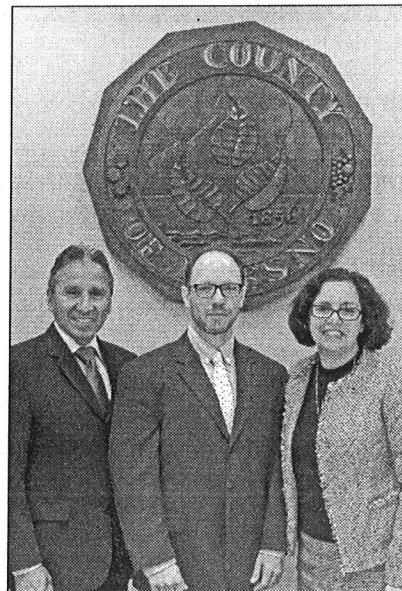
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Above, from left, are: Supervisor Henry Perea, Dr. Sergio La Porta and Supervisor Debbie Poochigian.



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Prof. Richard Hovannisian to Speak on Armenians of Gesaria April 25, in Fresno

Dr. Richard G. Hovannisian of UCLA will speak on 'The Armenians of Gesaria' (From Evkere and Talas to Mount Arkeos, Chomakhlu, and Evereg) at 7:30 PM on Friday, April 25, 2014, in the Industrial Technology Building, Room 101 Auditorium, on the Fresno State campus (corner of Barstow and Campus Drive).

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Leon S. Peters was a respected businessman in Fresno, active in Armenian affairs, a philanthropist and a benefactor assisting education.

Gifts from the Peters Family Foundation include the naming of Leon S. Peters Business Building and the Auditorium of the University Business Center that was named for Alice Peters in 1988.

Peters family has donated several other gifts to CalState University, Fresno.



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'Remembering the Armenians of Bitlis' Exhibition at Fresno State

FRESNO — The Armenian Studies Program at Fresno State, in cooperation with the Gomidas Institute (London) and the Leon S. Peters Foundation, presents "Remembering the Armenians of Bitlis," an exhibit which will run March 30 to April 30, on the second floor of the Henry Madden Library.

A special opening reception to highlight the exhibit of rare photos, documents, and maps from the Bitlis area will be held on Sunday, March 30, 3 to 4 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public.

Immediately following the reception Ara Sarafian of the Gomidas Institute will present a talk, "Down and About Bitlis: An Exhibition on Bitlis Armenians on the Shores of Lake Van (March 1-2, 2014)" at 4 p.m., in Room 2206 of the Madden Library, next to the exhibit area.

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SUBJECT: Remembering The Armenians of Bitlis Exhibit at CSUF

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The reception and lecture are free and open to the public. Parking is free at Fresno State on Sundays-Lots P30 and P31, entering at Shaw and Barton Aves.

For more information on the exhibit please contact the Armenian Studies Program at 278-2669.



ARCHIVE

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SUBJECT: New Book by ASP

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ARCHIVE

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SUBJECT: Fresno State Hosts Armenian Exhibit

DATE: March 24, 2014

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Fresno State hosts Armenian exhibit

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The exhibit will highlight rare photos, documents and maps from the Bitlis area and will be open until April 30.

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SUBJECT: Prof. Russell To Speak at CSUF

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Prof. Russell to Speak March 20 at CSUF On 'Life and Times of Eccentric Kara Darvish'

FRESNO - Dr. James Russell, Mashtots Professor of Armenian Studies at Harvard University will speak on "An Armenian Eccentric: The Life and Times of Kara Darvish" at 7:30 PM on March 20, in the University Business Center, Alice Peters Auditorium, Room 191, on the Fresno State campus.

The lecture is part of the Armenian Studies Program Spring Lecture Series and is co-sponsored by the Armenian Students Organization at Fresno State and the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research. The Spring Lecture Series is funded through the Leon S. Peters Foundation.

Kara Darvish (Hakob Genjian) was an Armenian Futurist poet who lived and worked mainly in Tiflis, Georgia, before and after World War I. He wrote several novels and manifestoes, but is best known for the "postcard" poems he distributed at cafés and outside cinemas which proclaim his cosmopolitan and revolutionary credo and experiment with odd typefaces and experiment with incantatory nonsense words in Armenian, dipping also into the Armenian mythological past. (His Russian Futurist colleagues named this technique *zaum*, i.e., transrational language.) Among his friends and associates were the poets Osip Mandelstam and Yeghishe Charents; and Kostan Zarian evokes the poet and his turbulent surroundings in the novel *Nave laran vra* ("The Ship upon the Mountain").

Dr. Russell is the Mashtots Professor of Armenian Studies

in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Harvard University. Professor Russell has authored over 100 scholarly articles, many of which have been collected in his Armenian and Iranian Studies (2004). He is most recently the author of a study on and translation of the collected poems of Bedros Tourian entitled Bosphorus Nights (2006).

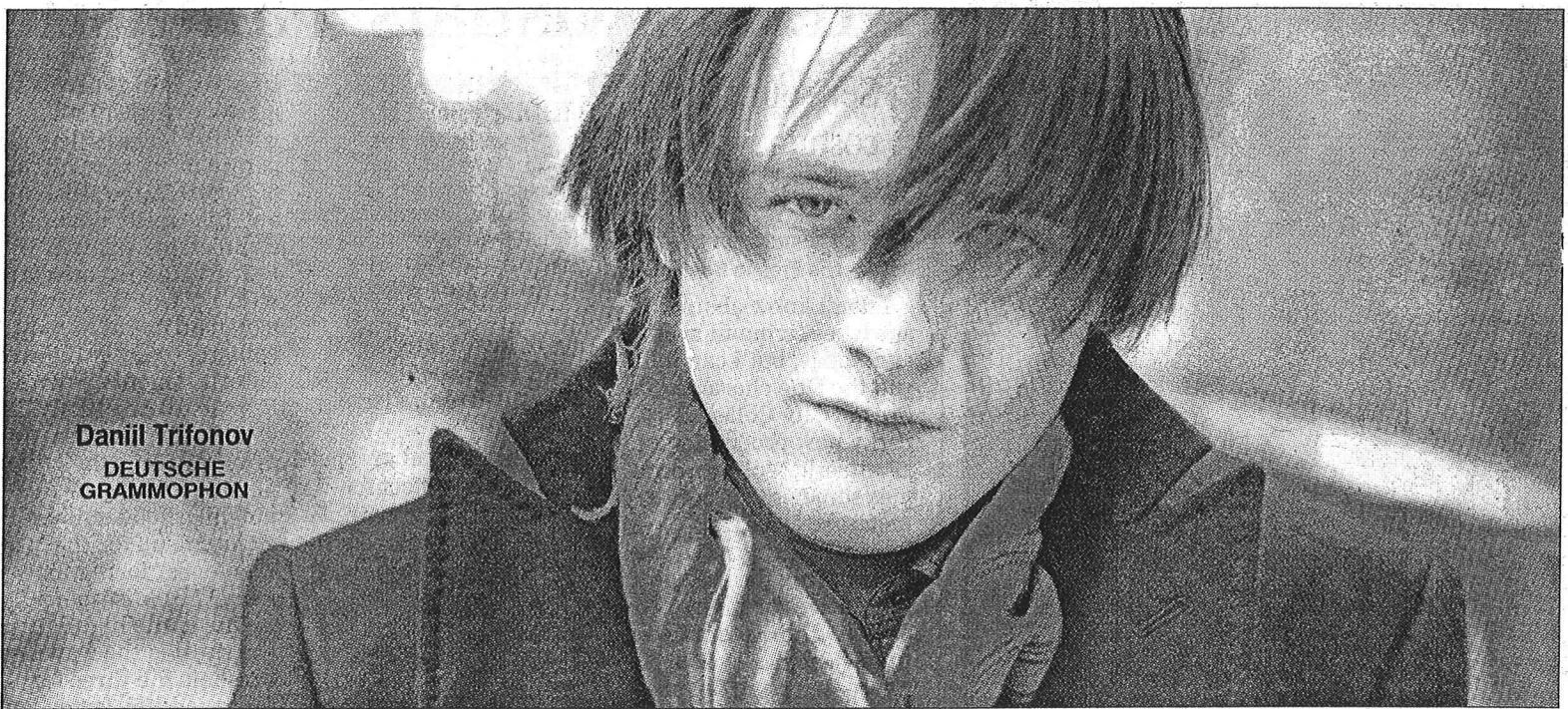
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SUBJECT: Babyan & Trifonov on Keyboard Concert Series

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Series offers double firepower

Fresno favorite Sergei Babayan and red-hot pianist Daniil Trifonov perform.

By Donald Munro
The Fresno Bee

The Philip Lorenz Memorial Keyboard Concerts series tonight offers a rare double bill: Sergei Babayan and Daniil Trifonov playing together. Here's a rundown:

Fresno connections: Babayan has long been a friend to Fresno's classical music scene. In 2007 the Armenian-American pianist, who teaches at the Cleveland Institute of Music and performs on concert stages around the world, helped the Fresno Philharmonic inaugurate its new Steinway piano. And he's performed with Keyboard Concerts multiple times, most recently in 2008. Trifonov, meanwhile, performed with Keyboard Concerts in 2012.

Teacher and "student": To call Trifonov the student of Babayan doesn't seem like it does the relationship justice, considering that Trifonov is what Keyboard Concerts' artistic director



Sergei Babayan

Andreas Werz calls "the hottest 23-year-old pianist in the world right now." But it's accurate: After winning the prestigious 2011 Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition for young artists, an event held every four years, and the 2011 Rubinstein International Piano Competition, the Russian-born Trifonov continues to study with Babayan in Cleveland even as he pursues his own concert career.

Double bill: Babayan and Tri-

CONCERT PREVIEW

Sergei Babayan and Daniil Trifonov, 8 p.m. today, Fresno State Concert Hall. keyboardconcerts.com, (559) 278-2337. \$18, \$12 seniors, \$5 students.

fonov will perform together in Fresno for the first time.

The setup: On the first piece, Mozart's Sonata in D Major, a work written for two players and four hands, the pianists will sit by side at one piano. For the other three works, they'll sit at facing pianos. (In addition to Fresno State's Steinway piano, the Fresno Philharmonic is loaning its Steinway.) They will play Rachmaninoff's Suite No. 2, written for two pianos.

Babayan as arranger: For the other two pieces on the program, Babayan worked some arranging magic. He took Schubert's Fantasie in F Minor, originally written for one piano and four hands, and arranged it to be played on two pianos. And he

adapted Prokofiev's orchestral score for "Romeo and Juliet" Suite to be performed the same way.

The dedication: The concert is dedicated to the memory of Dorothy Renzi, the Fresno singer who returned from a career in New York to teach at Fresno State. She died in February.

Special guests: This will be a glittery Keyboard Concerts affair, with Fresno State President Joseph Castro scheduled to be in attendance along with some important university donors, Werz says. Also in the house: Jenny Vogel, executive vice president of Opus 3 Artists, a prominent New York artists management firm. The concert is co-sponsored by the Fresno State Armenian Studies Program.

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CSU Armenian Studies Program To Hold Annual Banquet, March 2

FRESNO - The Armenian Studies Program of California State University, Fresno, will hold its 26th Annual Banquet on March 2, at the Fort Washington Golf and Country Club.

This year's Banquet will feature newly appointed Fresno State President Dr. Joseph Castro and his wife Mary. Dr. Castro was appointed as the eighth President of the University in August, 2013.

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SOURCE: Massis Weekly; Pasadena, CA
SUBJECT: ASP to Hold its Annual Banquet

DATE: February 15, 2014
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Armenian Studies Program at Fresno State to Hold Annual Banquet

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SUBJECT: New Book by ASP

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SOURCE: The Armenian Mirror-Spectator, Watertown, MA
SUBJECT: Dr. Chookaszian to Speak at CSUF

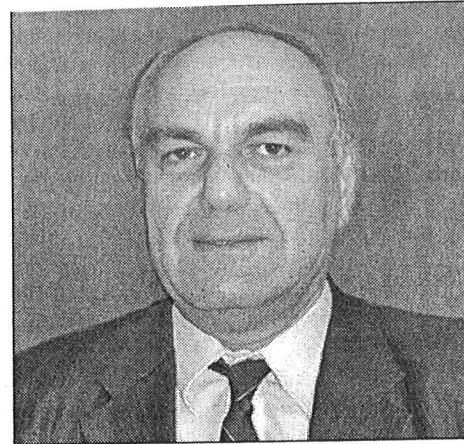
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Dr. Levon Chookaszian To Speak on Art of Armenians of the Crimea and Romania

FRESNO — Dr. Levon Chookaszian, director of the UNESCO Chair of Art History at Yerevan State University, will give a presentation titled "The Armenians of the Crimea and Romania as Seen Through Their Art," on Wednesday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. The lecture will be held in the University Business Center, Alice Peters Auditorium, Room 191, on the Fresno State campus and is part of the Armenian Studies Program Spring 2014 Lecture Series.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the Virginia-based Ararat Foundation, which was founded in 1985 and promotes Armenian culture and Christian faith, through lectures on Armenian subjects, seminars, literature distribution and research. The foundation has worked independently and in cooperation with other groups and has sponsored more than 60 lectures, held mostly in Washington DC. Dean Shahinian organized the foundation and has served as its executive director since its inception.

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Chookaszian is one of the leading authorities in the world on Armenian art. He is the author of two monographs: one on the art of 13th century Armenian miniaturist Grigor (*Grigor Tsaghkogh*, 1986), and the other on the art of the painter Arshag Fetvadjian (*Arshag Fetvadjian*, 2011). Chookaszian has taught at Yerevan State University since 1978 and is one of the founders of the department of art history. In 1996 he established the UNESCO Chair of Armenian Art History. Since 1992 he has delivered nearly 200 lectures at universities, libraries and museums across the world.

The lecture is free and open to the public.



ARCHIVE

SOURCE: The California Courier; Glendale, CA
SUBJECT: Dr. Chookaszian to Speak at CSUF

DATE: February 6, 2014
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Parking is available in Lots A or J on campus, adjacent to the University Business Center. A free parking pass may be obtained by using parking code 273405 in any of the campus kiosks.

For more on the lecture please contact the Armenian Studies Program at 559-278-2669.



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SOURCE: The Armenian Observer; Hollywood, CA
SUBJECT: Dr. Chookaszian to Speak at CSUF

DATE: February 5, 2014
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SUBJECT: Harutyunyan to Present Dance Workshop at CSUF

DATE: January 30, 2014

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Harutyunyan to Present Armenian Song and Dance Workshop Feb. 1 at Fresno State

FRESNO - Hasmik Harutyunyan will present a workshop on Armenian Song and Dance on February 1, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the South Gym, Room 134, on the Fresno State campus.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the Armenian Students Organization and Armenian Studies Program at Fresno State and is partially funded by the Associated Students, Inc. of Fresno State.

Participation in the workshop is free, but participants are asked to bring only soft-soled shoes.

Harutyunyan was born in Yerevan, and has extensive experience studying Armenian dance and music in Armenia. She will be demonstrating folk dances from the various provinces of Historic Armenia, in their original form.

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ARCHIVE

SOURCE: The Collegian; Fresno, CA

SUBJECT: Hasmik Harutyunyan Performs at CSUF

DATE: January 29, 2014

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The California State University, Fresno
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Armenian Studies Program

present

“Armenian Song and Dance Workshop”

(Learn how to dance traditional Armenian
dances and sing traditional songs)

Led by: Hasmik Harutyunyan

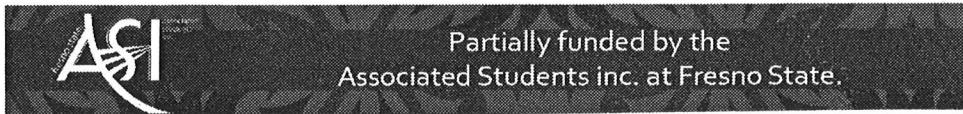
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Saturday, February 1, 2014, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Meet in the South Gym, Rm. 134-Fresno State

The workshop is free. Please wear soft-soled shoes - no hard-soled shoes. Contact the Armenian Studies Program, 278-2669, for more information.



Partially funded by the
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SUBJECT: Dr. Marchese To Speak on “Art and Society:”

DATE: January 25, 2014
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Dr. Ronald Marchese To Speak on ‘Art and Society: Armenian Constantinople’ at Fresno State

FRESNO — Dr. Ronald Marchese will discuss his recent research in Istanbul (Constantinople) with a talk on “Art and Society: Armenian Constantinople” at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 30. This Leon S. Peters Foundation Lecture will be held in the University Business Center, Alice Peters Auditorium, Room 191, on the Fresno State campus and is part of the Armenian Studies Program Spring 2014 Lecture Series.

Marchese is professor of ancient history and archaeology at the University of Minnesota, Duluth and has spent the last several years documenting the rich cultural history of the Armenians in Constantinople, by studying the works of arts that the Armenians produced. He will accompany his talk with slides of some of the artwork that he has catalogued.

Prior to the establishment of the Armenian Patriarchate of Constantinople, the Armenian population of the city and its surrounding districts had little visible religious representation. Those Armenians that existed in the city, perhaps a larger population than previously believed, adopted Byzantine manners and customs in order to assimilate to the dominant Greek culture of the city. After 1453 the Armenians of the city grew in number, status, and prestige — certainly evident in the increased immigration to the city after the devastation and annexation of eastern Anatolia. In many respects, the revitalization of the city is due to many reasons, but it is likely that the energy and creative talents of Armenian immigrants had a profound affect



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The lecture will present illustrated examples of this “Constantinople Style.”

Marchese received his PhD from New York University and has a distinguished career in archaeology, having conducted research at the Plataiai Archaeological Excavation in Greece and at Tel Dor in Israel. He is the author of numerous articles and book chapters in the field. He is an alumnus of California State University, Fresno.

He is the author, together with Marlene Breu, of *Splendor and Spectacle: The Armenian Orthodox Church Textile Collections of Istanbul* (Çitlembik Ltd., Istanbul, 2010).

The lecture is free and open to the public.



ARCHIVE

SOURCE: The California Courier; Glendale, CA
SUBJECT: Dr. Marchese to Speak at CSUF

DATE: January 23, 2014
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