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**Armenian Film Festival**  
**February 20, 21, 22, 2004**

**Delancey Street Theater**  
**600 Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA**  
**(Between Brannan and Townsend Streets)**

**Tickets: \$10.00 per screening, \$60.00 full festival pass**

**Advanced tickets available through Ticketweb**  
**Call 866.468.3399 or visit [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com)**

**Limited number of tickets will be available at venue on day of screening.**

**[www.armenianfilmfestival.org](http://www.armenianfilmfestival.org)**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – For the first time in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Armenian Film Festival will showcase thirty feature-length and short films by and about Armenians. Screenings will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 20, 21 and 22, 2004 at the intimate 150-seat Delancey Street Theater in San Francisco. Each screening is designed as a two-hour program.

Selected by the same curatorial team as the highly successful New York Armenian Film Festival at the Cantor Film Center, the films range from documentary to fiction, features to shorts, and experimental to narrative by filmmakers in Armenia, the Middle-East, Europe and the Americas. The program highlights contemporary pieces that reveal a surprising breadth of approaches and issues relevant to the current moment. Across formal and geographical differences, recognizable themes of displacement, loss, memory, trauma and recognition emerge. Among them are shorts by Oscar-nominee **Atom Egoyan**, award-winning film maker **Tina Bastajian**, and "Aram," an impressive feature debut by **Robert Kechichian**. Other highlights include, "Music is the Air I Breathe," a documentary about the legendary "new music" vocalist, Kathy Berberian, co-presented by Other Minds Festival, "Jews in Armenia," a documentary dealing with mixed identity, "Hokees," an experimental piece about an Armenian woman and her Turkish lover.

Fiscally sponsored by Golden Thread Productions, the Armenian Film Festival is co-presented by the Film Arts Foundation, the San Francisco Cinematheque, and supported by numerous Bay Area Armenian-American individuals and organizations.

**Curatorial Team**

Anahid Kassabian, Film & media professor at Fordham University, NY  
Thea Farhadian, Interdisciplinary artist and composer  
Hrayr Eulmessekian, Filmmaker

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## Film Screening Schedule

Day & Time	Title	Director	Minutes	Category	Language	Country
<b>Friday</b>						
<b>7:00</b>	Ligne de Vie	Avedikian, Serge	12	anim short	French w/ English subtitles	France
	Road Full of Apricots	Bezjian, Nigol	32	doc short	English	Lebanon
	Tebi Gyank	Anmahouni, Hrayr	25	exp short	Armenian	US
	The Duduk	Hakopian, Vardan	50	doc feature	English subtitles	Armenia/Russia
<b>9:30</b>	The Song of Stones	Shek, Nika	13	doc short	English subtitles	Armenia
	Life Is Sweet	Hakobian, Diana	13	exp short	English	Armenia
	Our House	Matossian, Sevan	84	doc feature	English	US
<b>Saturday</b>						
<b>2:00</b>	Open House	Atom Egoyan	26	fic short	English	Canada
	The Naming	Claveloux, Eileen	28	doc short	English	US
	Pink Elephant	Madzounian, Ara	30	fic short	English subtitles	US
	Foreigner	Arbid, Danielle	45	fic feature	French & Armenian	France
<b>4:30</b>	Sentenced to Death	Balassanian, Sonia	10	exp short	Armenian	Armenia
	Non-Stop	Mkrtchyan, Ashot	4	doc short	None	Armenia
	Oral Hysteria	Kareyan, David	5	exp short	English	Armenia
	20 Ans Apres	Kebadian, Jacques	71	doc feature	French	France
<b>6:30</b>	Prison Art	Zakoyan, Garegin	26	doc short	English subtitles	Armenia
	Jews in Armenia	Akchyan, Vartan	25	doc short	English subtitles	US
	Hamburger & Dolma	Babayan, Caroline	49	doc feature	English	US
<b>8:30</b>	Merry Bus	Mkrtchyan, Albert	113	fic feature	English subtitles	Armenia
<b>Sunday</b>						
<b>2:00</b>	Skinning the lamb	Balassanian, Sonia	5	doc short	None	Armenia
	Musicians	Askarian, Don	76	doc feature	English subtitles	Germany /Armenia
<b>4:00</b>	Yerevan Conversations	Demirjian, Andrew	4	exp short	English	US
	Terra Emota	Minasian/Avedikian	10	doc short	None	France
	Lux Aeterna	Minasian/Avedikian	11	doc short	None	France
	Embers of the Sun	Tjeknavorian, Zareh	13	doc short	None	US
	The Land of Holy Rites	Baghdasaryan, Edgar	52	doc feature	None	Armenia
<b>6:00</b>	Pinched cheeks	Bastajian, Tina	11	fic short	English subtitles	US
	Hokees	Torossian, Garine	22	fic short	English	Canada
	Mark Set Burn	Khalafian, Christine	8	exp short	None	US
	Music is the Air I breathe	de Swaan, Carrie	70	doc feature	English	Netherlands
<b>8:00</b>	Jagadakeer	Bastajian, Tina	19	exp short	English subtitles	US
	Aram	Kechichian, Robert	87	fic feature	English subtitles	France