

YEREVAN, ARMENIA AUA 1ST GRADUATING CLASS MARKS 20 YEARS

Reunion Attendees Raise \$35,000 for Endowment Fund

The first graduating class of the American University of Armenia (AUA) celebrated its 20th anniversary with an on-campus reunion that included meetings with university leadership and the launching of a precedent-setting endowment fund. In his welcoming remarks, AUA President Bruce Boghosian thanked the Class of 1993, many of whom still reside in the homeland, for its leadership and vision. Special tributary remarks were made in honor of Louise Manoogian Simone, then AGBU's President, for her unwavering commitment to making the university a reality after the idea was circulated among philanthropic organizations. The Alumni Endowment Fund was established with an initial goal of \$20,000. However, enthusiasm for the endeavor had spread and the total soon reached \$35,000. "For our 20th reunion, we decided to launch this fund to help future students receive the education we were so fortunate to receive," said 1993 alumna Anahit Ordyan, who helped organize the reunion.



AUA's first graduating class gathers with AUA President Bruce Boghosian (center), Vice President of Operations Ashot Ghazaryan (behind Boghosian, right), Vice President of Finance Gevorg Goyunyan (behind Boghosian, left), Director of Administration Anahit Ordyan (center).

YEREVAN, ARMENIA DANCERS TAKE OVER CASCADE

Coordinated Performance Celebrates Composer Khachaturian

To commemorate the 110th birthday of renowned composer Aram Khachaturian, AGBU, in partnership with the Armenian Philharmonic Orchestra (APO) and Emporium, presented *Sabre Dance on the Street* at the Cascade Complex and Cafesjian Sculpture Garden. *Sabre Dance*, Khachaturian's classical yet universally popular piece from the ballet *Gayane*, was celebrated in the heart of Yerevan, with a deftly orchestrated tribute to the composer. The unique spectacle included the participation of APO and the Armenia State Dance Ensemble Barekamutyun.



Capture this code to watch *Sabre Dance on the Street* in its entirety.



GYUMRI, ARMENIA SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL NEEDS RENOVATED Plaque Unveiled in Honor of AGBU Contributions

A plaque unveiled at Gyumri's Special School No. 3 recognizes the AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian School in Southern California and the AGBU Friends in Wisconsin for underwriting critical renovations at the institution. With the combined \$23,000 raised, the special education school refurbished an adjacent building where the boilers were housed, replacing them with new and more powerful ones that will supply hot water not only to the bathhouse, but to the entire school. AGBU donated an additional \$1,500 to install thermo-insulated tin roofing that will prevent leaking, especially during Armenia's harsh winters. Over the years, AGBU has supported School No. 3, which has educated and cared for children with special needs since its founding in 1956.

