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STUDIO-GALLERY Z

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At GALLERY Z - Armenian Artists from Around the World - Thursday, April 4th through Sunday, May 26th, 2019. Book Presentation Thursday, April 11th. Opening Reception Thursday, April 18, 2019, 5-9PM.

Gallery Z will be showcasing selected Armenian artists in April, chosen from its extensive niche collection of exceptional fine artists of Armenian origin, past and current, amongst the gallery's stable of over 400 established artists of all backgrounds.

There will be two special events at the gallery this month. On **Thursday**, **April 11th**, **6:30-8PM**, an author here from Armenia, Dr. Melineh Anumyan, will be presenting her book, *Acknowledgement and Condemnation: The Trials of Young Turks in 1919-1921 and 1926*. Refreshments will follow.

The following week, an opening reception for the exhibit of "Armenian Artists from Around the World" will take place in conjunction with Gallery Night Providence on Thursday, April 18, 2019, from 5-9PM.

April's featured artist is **Harut Aghajanian**, an Armenian artist born in Iran in 1956. He studied at Terlemezian College art school in Yerevan from 1984 to 1987. His highly intricate figurative works on paper are in both black & white and soft wash tones. His paintings have been exhibited in Beirut, Lebanon, and Boston.

Anoush Charlene Bargamian, a.k.a. Sweet Angst, born (1963) and raised in Providence, is an artist/art educator living and working in Chicago. Her abstract paintings and prints employ many mixed media. Her Horses of Honor public art installation was installed in 2014 at the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, UBS Tower, Chicago, IL.

Harutune Hovhanesian Born in 1922, Harutune taught for 25 years at the Yerevan Teachers' Training Institute, and states: "A bad teacher represents the truth; a good one teaches how to find it.

George V Kaprielian

Born in Providence, "Varki" is a self-taught local photographer who has commemorated notable Providence landmarks in striking close-up angles.

Kevork Mourad, born 1970 in Syria of Armenian origin, is a world-renowned artist who also combines art with music, dance and theatre. He has had solo exhibitions around the world and

has works in museums worldwide. He has produced and directed plays and musical-visual projects, has perfected a technique of spontaneous painting to live music, and is a teaching-artist member of Yo Ma's Silk Road Ensemble. A new visual-musical piece commissioned by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC, premiered there on November 2, 2018. He lives and works in New York City when not traveling internationally.

Marsha Nouritza Odabashian has exhibited in galleries and museums in Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, California and Louisiana and has works is in numerous collections.

An additional Gallery Z website for Armenian Art, <u>armenianartgalleryz@gmail.com</u>, showcases the many renowned Armenian artists' works represented, which may also be purchased online.

Gallery Z represents over four hundred renowned fine artists, fifty Rhode Island and regional, one hundred fifty national and two hundred international. Along with fine art, glass, and pottery, a gift shop offers handmade jewelry by local artists, international handicrafts, small woven wool rugs, fun jewelry, art postcards and RI-themed mementoes. A new online shop enables viewing and purchasing the art if unable to make it into the gallery.

Gallery Z hosts a reception for the current exhibit every third Thursday of the month, twelve months a year, on Gallery Night Providence. ALL RECEPTIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Gallery Z is a member of the Federal Hill Commerce Association, Providence/Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau and Gallery Night Providence. Gallery Z is a tax-free zone. Gallery Z Hours: Thurs-Sat 12-8pm, Sun. 12-6pm and by appt. or chance.

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