

Nairyan Vocal Ensemble

Nairyan Vocal Ensemble was created in 2015 as a program of the Mughdusyan Art Center. The goal was to popularize Armenian composers, spread classic and spiritual music, and to help empower women. Currently the ensemble consists of four young women with professional music training. They sing polyphonic songs, mainly in acapella, and some of the songs are performed with clarinet, tambourine, and other instruments.

The ensemble has performed at more than 100 events and venues, from museums in Yerevan to spiritual centers, retirement homes, and penitentiaries. Their aim is to make music available, especially in places where classical music is not usually performed or heard.

In 2017 the Ensemble won three prizes: First Prize at the GlobalFest International Festival (Moscow), Grand Prix at the GlobalFest International Festival (Yerevan) and “Best Band” at the Art Fest International Youth Festival (Yerevan). In 2018 Nairyan Vocal Ensemble received first prize at the “Renaissance” International Contest-Festival (Gyumri). This success was followed by recitals in Cairo, Egypt and USA (online concert for the Armenian Museum of America) and representing Armenia at the Vox Virtual 2020.

In 2018, the ensemble began translating and performing songs in sign language. The Nairyan Vocal Ensemble is the only ensemble in the region that performs acapella and sign language simultaneously, which makes their music available for people with hearing difficulties. By 2022, the ensemble had translated 32 songs by Armenian composers into sign language.

Nairyan Vocal Ensemble is committed to gender equality and has created original songs about women’s rights, domestic violence, breast cancer and women’s empowerment. The Ensemble also released video clips about sex selective abortions.

The artistic director of the Nairyan Vocal Ensemble is Naira Mughdusyan and the other singers are Yelena Azaryan, Anna Minasyan, Tina Asatryan. Producer of the Ensemble is Arman Gharibyan.

- Official video clips in sign language:

Nubar - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcHrnqoY5AA&list=PLdO_2yV19yWNZ5IUdU5OLHALOV1F8bWE7&index=10

Naro Jan - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vf5tGO6c0GA&list=PLdO_2yV19yWNZ5IUdU5OLHALOV1F8bWE7&index=8

- Official video clips on gender equality and women’s rights

I’m Brave - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdCDyDQCWg&list=PLdO_2yV19yWNZ5IUdU5OLHALOV1F8bWE7&index=5

Don’t Tolerate - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgc3S3Njr84>

I Am Phoenix - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6eqigNTEGA>

Oror - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLCZ5_vUmY

Women Empowerment Performance - <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=4617653428339794>

Concerts

“Yerg Yergots”, Full concert in sign language on the Public TV of Armenia, Nov 3, 2019

shorturl.at/blAMP

Vox Virtual 2020 Grand Finale Concert Featuring 10 International Vocal Groups, Representative of Armenia – Nairyan Vocal Ensemble, Aug 29, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlZHzyMYVng>

Online concert for the Armenian Museum of America

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBet8_ILQsw&t=2697s, Apr 11, 2021

Concert at the Berdavan Music School, Tavush region, Armenia, Apr 8, 2021

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zdg18uq1VFY>

Konstantin Petrossian - "CHIMES OF THE HOMELAND" - Cycle of Folk Songs. NAIRYAN Vocal Ensemble, Jan 1, 2022, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHkNLRZgmQ>

Concert and interview on Armenian Public Radio, May 2, 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZ4wbNrlL43c>

Armenian media about Nairyan Vocal Ensemble

Hetq about NVE, Dec 11, 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhaRIQuO3oM>

Vocal Ensemble “Nairyan” won the first prize in the International Festival “Global”, Shoghakat TV, Jan 20, 2018

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qF9oQpZLwAI&t=20s>

Armenian Public TV about NVE, Mar 14, 2018

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGLbMZAL8dI>

Special TV program about Nairyan Vocal Ensemble, Shoghakat TV, Oct 21, 2019

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nb_-DVyUC_g&t=184s

I am media about NVE, Oct 16, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsXbIZyA2I4&t=64s>

ART: “I hear you”, Nairyan Vocal Ensemble, Azatutyun TV, Dec 13, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6amep0w3lg>

Infocom about NVE, Mar 14, 2021

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7qyTjJ873A>

Guests at “Good Morning” Program, Kentron TV, Apr 13, 2022

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=516715573422866>

Guests at the “Barev Yerkir” TV program, Yerkir Media TV, Oct 15, 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XH4xSLrUpSY>

Guests at “Aravor Luso” TV program, Public TV, May 20, 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7cHAExZWYA>

Additional links

Soundtrack of the movie “45 Days”, directed by Emille Ghessen, Sept 26, 2021

<https://www.facebook.com/nairyanchoir/videos/153418873578406/>

Soundtrack of the movie “Amerikatsi” about Armenian-American repatriates to Armenia,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbQIAJBAhok>

Deriko hoy nar | Nairyan Ensemble | TEDxYerevan, Nov 20, 2017

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiPnx5w_Aqk

Information about the NVE in English

<https://aypoupen.com/nairyan-vocal-ensemble-acapella/>