

Alexander Spendiaryan (1871-1928)

The house museum of composer Alexander Spendiaryan, the founder of classical Armenian music, was opened in 1963. This is where the composer spent the last years of his life and is the first museum of music in Armenia. The collection contains more than 1,300 items, which include his personal belongings, photographs, manuscripts, letters, documents and compositions, including *Almast* and *Yerevan Etudes*, as well as his violin, baton and piano.



The collection also contains letters he exchanged with his teacher, Rimsky-Korsakov, and with Maxim Gorky, Anton Chekhov, and Hovannes Tumanyan, among

others.

The museum is located at 21 Nalbandyan Street and is a favorite place for meetings of musicians and music aficionados. It hosts concerts, exhibitions, and competitions for young musicians.

