

## Hovannes Tumanyan (1869-1923)

Tumanyan's house museum in Yerevan is located at 40 Moskovyan Street. It was founded by his daughter and has been in operation since 1953, when the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tumanyan's death was celebrated.

In 1969, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the writer's birth, a new two-storey building was built to house materials related to Tumanyan's life and work including his personal items, documents, manuscripts, sketches, and publications in more than 40

languages. The second floor replicates in minute detail Tumanyan's Tiflis home where he lived in the last 14 years of his life and where the first meeting of the literary circle known as *Vernatun* (Upper Room) first took place in 1902.

The first floor houses a model of his ancestral home in Dsegh village (now Tumanyan).

The museum has the writer's manuscript archives, as well as his works translated into more than 50 languages and other collections of his works. There are a total of 18,000 items on exhibit.

The museum also accommodates his private library of about 8000 volumes dedicated to studies on the Caucasus and Armenia, religion, culture, history and folklore of various nations and serves as a major research center.

