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AUSTRALIA



SYDNEY and MELBOURNE

AGBU AUSTRALIA WELCOMES WRITER, PRODUCER, DIRECTOR, PAUL KALINIAN



Paul Kalinian and his award winning documentary, *William Saroyan, The Man, The Writer* have taken audiences by storm in eleven cities, across three countries, and interest is still growing.

Most recently the documentary toured Australia and captured considerable interest among the Armenians, as well as the Australian public in Sydney and Melbourne. In Sydney, the first documentary screening drew an audience of 200, including special guests Ms. Jakka Sypka, Ethnic Affairs Adviser to Premier Bob Carr and Mr. Stepen Kerkyasharian, Chairman of the Ethnic Affairs Commission. Originally scheduled for a single showing in each city, Paul Kalinian, was asked back to Sydney to present his film two more times for those who missed it and for the children of the Alexander School in Sydney.

The documentary, produced to promote "a knowledge and understanding" of William Saroyan for Armenians as well as for the general public, has become extremely popular with the younger generation of Armenians. In Melbourne, the youth was strongly represented in an audience of 300 at Deakin University, Lecture Theater.

During his visit to Sydney, Paul Kalinian conducted interviews and call-in sessions with Elizabeth Taric for SBS Radio World view program, Rosemary Sorenson for ABC Radio Arts Today program, as well as Armenian radio programs. Kalinian's visit was also covered by both the local Australian and Armenian press.

The film, produced in 1994 and winner of five International Film Festival awards, including the Leigh Whipper Gold Award for Best Documentary Film, highlights Saroyan's personal life, character and philosophy, his works, his message to the world, and the undying love and passion he felt for America and Armenia.



Mr. & Mrs. Kalinian with AGBU school students. (above left)

AGBU Melbourne Chapter members with Mr. & Mrs. Kalinian. (left)



CHICAGO, IL

CHICAGO AGBU HOSTS KALINIAN

Paul Kalinian's *William Saroyan, The Man, The Writer* drew an enthusiastic audience of 300 at the Onnig Norehad Center in Chicago. As part of a National tour, the film has been highly acclaimed by audiences across the country, as well as Canada and Australia where it was screened more recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Kalinian flanked by Chicago Chapter Committee members and friends. (left)