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(l to r) Dr. Armen Der Kiureghian, Paul Kalinian, Ruby Sanoian Kueffer.



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### AGBU PREMIERES WILLIAM SAROYAN DOCUMENTARY IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Rousing applause followed the showing of *"William Saroyan, the Man, the Writer,"* truly a San Francisco treat for a grateful audience. Produced by Paul Kalinian, the hour-long documentary begins in Fresno, California in the early 1900's and spans eight decades, until the writer's death in 1981.

The film opens with Saroyan reminiscing about his past, continues with Actor Mike Connors' narration of a sixty year writing career, including books Saroyan published during his lifetime. Excerpts of his voice, spoken in English and Armenian, in particular footage of his last visits to Armenia, capture the essence of William Saroyan - his passions and philosophy.

After six years of research, despite numerous obstacles, Kalinian followed his dream of immortalizing Saroyan's life and works on film. He was congratulated by Ruby Sanoian Kueffer, AGBU Chair who had invited Kalinian and his family to San Francisco for a reception and special holiday showing of his documentary.

The program began with Ms. Kueffer's welcoming remarks. Armen Der Kiureghian, Professor of Engineering, U.C. Berkeley and Chair of the Armenian Studies Advisory Board, spoke about the newly established "William Saroyan Chair in Armenian Studies" at UC Berkeley, and their need for grass-roots support, thanking Ruby Sanoian Kueffer for AGBU San Francisco Chapter's donation.