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## AGBU Sponsors Tour of Kalinian Documentary on William Saroyan

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NEW YORK, NY - AGBU will present the North American tour of Paul Kalinian's award-winning documentary, "William Saroyan: The Man, the Writer," later this month.

Since its completion in 1994, this hour-long documentary has won five awards, including the prestigious Leigh Weeper Gold Award for best documentary at the 18th annual Philadelphia International Film Festival. Other awards have come from the Houston International Film Festival, the Columbus International Film Festival and the Nouveau Festival Internationale Du Cinema, in Montreal.

Directed and produced by Paul Kalinian, the story begins in Fresno, California, in the early 1900s and spans 8 decades of Saroyan's life. The film highlights Saroyan's character, his works, his message to the world, and the undying love and passion he felt for both his native country as an American, and for the country of his forefathers as an Armenian.

Kalinian is also well known for his characteristic photograph of Saroyan which was selected by the USA and the USSR Postal Services for their commemorative postal stamps.

The AGBU chapters participating in the tour are Cleveland, OH, Toronto, ON, Detroit, MI, and New York, NY. Mr. Kalinian will be present at each screening and, being one of the few photographers who was able to approach Saroyan, he will also present some of his photographs of the famous writer. Commemorative stamps will also be available for purchase during the tour.

**Cleveland, OH:** March 22, 7:30 p.m. at the Cleveland Cultural Hall of the St. Gregory of



Paul Kalinian Writer/Director, Susie Kalinian Producer of "William Saroyan: The Man, The Writer."

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Nareg Armenian Church (reservations: Dr. Sebouh Setrakian (216) 561-6508).

**Toronto, ON:** March 24, 6:30 p.m. at AGBU Center, 30 Progress Court, Ontario, Canada (reservations: Salpi Ghazarian (416) 431-2428).

**Montreal, QUE:** March 26, at AGBU Center, 805 Rue Manoogian, Ville St. Laurent, Quebec (reservations: Mr. Kevork Baronian (514) 748-2428).

**Detroit, MI:** March 28 at AGBU Alex and Marie Manoogian School, 22001 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield (reservations: Nadya Sarafian (801) 569-2988).

**New York, NY:** March 29, 8:00 p.m. Marc Goodson Theater (2 Columbus Circle, NYC) Admission \$15 (reservations: AGBU-Arts (212) 765-8260).

