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**KALINIAN'S WILLIAM SAROYAN, THE WRITER THE MAN, HAILED AS A TRULY DYNAMIC EXPERIENCE**

Writer, producer, director, Paul Kalinian under the auspices of the AGBU, has taken his award winning documentary,

"William Saroyan, the Man, the Writer" on a national tour. The screenings were part of an exclusive AGBU sponsored North-American tour as the director wished to share his work with American audiences before he makes his documentary available for video release and broader audiences.

After its world premiere at the Fresno's William Saroyan Theater in 1991, the documentary won five International film awards and gained tremendous popularity. Growing interest continues to draw an overwhelming response, from the U.S. to Australia, rekindling Armenian pride for young and old alike. To date the documentary has been screened in Fresno, Los Angeles, Pasadena, New York, Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, Phoenix, Toronto, Montreal and all AGBU schools to capacity filled auditoriums. Each screening was followed by an engaging question and answer period, where issues related to the making of the movie and Mr. Kalinian's relationship with Saroyan were discussed.

Director/photographer Kalinian is also known for his portrait of Saroyan which was selected jointly by the US and the USSR postal services for their 1991 commemorative postal stamps.



Glendale, CA: Paul Kalinian (center) and Susie Kalinian - co-producer, interviewed by "Armenia Today" TV producer Grigor Arutyunyan. (above)



Detroit, MI: Paul Kalinian among students of the AGBU Alex & Marie Manoogian school. (above)



Paul Kalinian at the Toronto AGBU Taniel & Alice Zaroukian school. (above)



Cleveland, OH: Audience (left) and AGBU Chapter members (above).



New York, NY: Sevan Melikyan AGBU/Arts Director with Paul Kalinian during interview at New York screening. (right)