

ST. KEVORK ARMENIAN CHURCH

Cello Recital

by

Hasmik Vardanyan

Biography

*H*asmik Vardanyan was born in 1988 in Hrazdan, Armenia. She began learning cello at the age of nine. When she turned 13, her family moved to Yerevan, where she joined the Music School after Tchaikovsky. There she took cello lessons along with Armen Mesropyan (principal cellist of Armenian National Philharmonic Orchestra), then she continued her studying in Armen Mesropyan's class in Yerevan State Conservatory after Komitas. She graduated from Conservatory in 2011 (Master's Degree in Music Performance).

She started her international appearances as a soloist and principal cellist in the Second Dubai International Festival for Young Virtuosos (2005). The same year she started working with the Armenian State Youth Orchestra by having concerts in the best concert halls in Europe and Russia. In 2009 she has been invited to the Armenian National Philharmonic Orchestra. The same year she won the First Prize in the International Competition after Komitas. In 2010 she has been invited to the National Quartet after Komitas. In 2010 the quartet recorded the New CD of Komitas-Aslamazyan's Miniatures by receiving "The Best Classical Album" in National Music Awards ceremony. With Komitas National Quartet she had concerts in Japan, Norway, Denmark, France, Croatia, Moldova and Russia.

She won a silver medal at the International Cello Competition after Aram Khachaturyan in 2010. In 2011 she received the First Prize in Schlern International Cello Competition in Italy. In 2012 she received the Youth Prize of President of Republic of Armenia in "Classical Music" award. She won the first prize in Chamber Music Competition after Karen Kostanyan (Yerevan, 2013). As a soloist and chamber musician she was recently invited to participate in many National and International Festivals. She attended the masterclasses with Vagram Sarajyan, Natalia Gutman, Steven Isserlis, Alexander Chaushyan, Alexander Ivashkin, Mikhail Utkin.