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### **KCET-TV Interview of Legendary Armenian Filmmaker Gets Extended Coverage**

**(Thousand Oaks, CA) April 26, 2006** - A recent interview by KCET of J. Michael Hagopian is getting high profile attention from the local Public Broadcasting Service station. Hagopian, legendary producer/director/writer and co-founder of the Armenian Film Foundation in Thousand Oaks, was interviewed in April at his office by KCET "Life & Times" anchor Val Zavala. A segment of that interview was initially aired April 19. It is scheduled for a re-run in the greater Los Angeles area Friday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The broadcast, as well as other footage from the original two-hour interview, has been placed in the "Life and Times" section of the KCET website at [www.kcet.org](http://www.kcet.org). The means are also in place to visit other pertinent websites via their **Related Resources & Links** section. And, site visitors can participate in "blogging", a relatively new technology that allows "bloggers" to write and add their comments to an on-line "diary" that can, in turn, be read and responded to by others. The section can be found under the "Armenian Filmmaker's 400 Interviews" in the left-hand column, **Recent Posts**.

Hagopian was asked to write about his 50-year journey and goal as an independent filmmaker for the beginning of the Blog portion of the site. The 92 year old internationally award-winning legend concluded his response by writing, "I feel that my work is important because I want the truth to be known about the Armenian Genocide [of 1915]. I want the justice accorded to Armenians to be a reminder to the world that future acts of violence committed against humanity will not be tolerated by the international community." No doubt Armenians worldwide echo his sentiment year-round, but especially at this time of the 91<sup>st</sup> commemorative year of the Genocide.

In continuing efforts to deliver that poignant message, Hagopian is currently working on the 'crown jewel' of THE WITNESSES trilogy of full-length documentaries on the Armenian Genocide. This third and final film of the trilogy, *Caravans Along the Euphrates*, tells the story of that horrific period in Armenia's history in large part with the testimonies of its eyewitnesses.

For more information on Hagopian and the Armenian Film Foundation and its programs and projects, visit their website at [www.armenianfilm.org](http://www.armenianfilm.org), send an e-mail to [AFFoundation@verizon.net](mailto:AFFoundation@verizon.net), or call the AFF office at 805.495.0717.

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