

Ms. Mane Mkrtchyan, Executive Director, ARMMONO International Shakespeare One Man Show Festival, based in Yerevan.

Mr. Vardan Mkrtchyan, Lecturer at the Yerevan State Institute of Theater and Cinema and actor at the Hamazgayin Theater.

Mr. Emin Torosyan, Chief Administrator and Deputy Director at the "Hamazgayin" State Theater; and

WHEREAS: This visit is part of the Community Connections program funded by a grant from USAID administered through the non-profit organization World Learning; and

WHEREAS: This delegation of professionals will be here for three weeks from June 12th to July 3rd. They will participate in an intensive training program custom tailored to their individual field and needs, and will be introduced to the rich history and culture of Massachusetts and New England; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association (CYSCA) has many dedicated volunteers, both inside and outside the Armenian Community, who wish to lend the resources of the City of Cambridge, and the surrounding Community to the developing world; and

WHEREAS: Many local theater groups and professionals have come forward to volunteer their services and take part in this public-supported effort; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association team that organized the program includes: Jack Medzorian, Program Director; Taya Battelle, Project Administrator; Ara Ghazarians, Project Manager; Suzanne Pearce, CYSCA President; George Changelian and Jirair Babikyan, also host families Patty Nolan and David Rabkin, Miranda Pearce and Matthew Goldstein, Lucinda and David Leveille, Peggy Barnes Lenart and Paul Lenart, Ellen Sarkisian and John Maher, Venera Matevosian, Ruth and John Falletti, Richard Boyajian, Teresa Djevealikian, and Elisa Esserian; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council would like to extend a warm welcome to the participants and applaud the initiative of the Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association and its many volunteers for developing this program with the hope that these participants from Armenia will return home with new ideas to implement in their theaters, festivals, universities and communities; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to each participant on behalf of the City Council.

In City Council June 9, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

R-34.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 9, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association (CYSCA) continues to sponsor numerous citizens' exchanges between residents of Cambridge and Yerevan, Armenia; and

WHEREAS: These exchange programs have led to an enhanced sense of shared values and the building of bridges for friendship, goodwill and cooperation among the citizens of Cambridge and Yerevan; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association (CYSCA) is currently hosting a group of ten theater directors and other theater professionals from Yerevan and other cities in Armenia as part of ongoing efforts to provide meaningful and sustainable assistance to Armenia. These participants are:

Mr. Ruben Abrahamyan, Assistant General Manager at the State Marionette Theater in Yerevan.

Mr. Ruben Babayan, Director and Art Manager at the State Puppet Theater named after H. Tumanyan in Yerevan, and head of the Acting/Directing Department at the Institute of Theater and Cinema.

Mr. Hovik Chakhmakhchyan, Director of the State Drama Theater named after H. Abelyan in Vanadzor.

Mr. Armen Harutyunyan, Deputy Dean of Theater and Cinema Department at the Yerevan State Institute of Theater and Cinema.

Mr. Tsolak Galstyan, Open Air Events Manager of the Hay Fest International Theater Festival in Yerevan.

Ms. Narine Grigoryan, Lecturer at the Yerevan State Institute of Cinema and Theater, and producer at the State Puppet Theater.

Mr. Tigran Mkhoyan, Director of the "Hamazgayin" State Theater in Yerevan.

RESOLUTION #34

That the City Council extend a warm welcome to the participants and applaud the initiative of the Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association and its many volunteers for developing this program

Mayor Simmons and entire membership

**In City Council
June 9, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED