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Bicentennial*

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Ms. Palvetzian  
Dioceses of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, NY 10016

Re: New York State Museum Bicentennial Exhibition

This letter is a follow up to the request made in December by our researcher for exhibitable materials related to your group or organization.

As we explained previously, the New York State Museum is planning a special exhibit to honor the opening of its new building in the Albany Mall Complex. This event will coincide with our national bicentennial celebration.

The population of New York is the most diverse of any state in the country, and has been since its founding over 350 years ago. The Museum feels it is extremely important that this diversity be represented in the present, and a part of this exhibit is dedicated to the role of ethnic/national peoples within the state.

We are asking for contributions or loans which are symbolic to your origins or functions in the community, whether they be cultural, civic, social, or religious. These donations need not be precious or valuable objects -- posters and announcements of events or memorabilia (old or new) related to holidays, festivals, fund-raising are equally important for our purposes.

The New York State Museum greatly appreciates your participation. We are very anxious to represent as many different nationalities and groups as possible and welcome any suggestions or questions you may have.

Everything is useable no matter how insignificant it may seem. If you have any articles or brochures which name your organization, please send them to us. All material will be cared for, thoughtfully exhibited, insured, and returned at your request. If you are unable to get something to us, telephone the number printed above and we will arrange to have it picked up. Time is very short and we must have our material collected by April 15th.

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Attached is a list of samples to further explain the broad range of possibilities. Won't you please check your files and storage spaces or inquire of your membership and send us something which we may display. Please help make this New York Bicentennial Exhibit a rich and deserving experience.

Sincerely yours,  
Chermayeff & Geismar Associates

*Pamela Smith*

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for the New York State Museum

*Our researcher indicated that you had many interesting items donated by a Mr. Hazerian and that you were enthusiastic about participating in our exhibit. I certainly hope this is true and I look forward to hearing from you.*

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Suggested list of material for exhibition

Ephemera: posters, announcements, invitations, calendars, books, programs, pamphlets (these can represent all kinds of functions which your group has organized or helped to sponsor)

Memorabilia: buttons, badges, sashes, ribbons, medals, banners, parade tokens, souvenirs from special events, commemorative items.

Nostalgia: Group/organization photographs, honor rolls, scrapbooks, yearbooks, reunion or anniversary material

National holidays or parade material: flags, buttons, hats, shirts, patches

Awards, presentations, certificates

Charters, chapter or congregation material, directories, membership lists

Articles from national costumes, jewelry, customs

Traditional folkarts and crafts and new versions made in the old traditions

Family heirlooms

Historic artifacts, documents



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

May 25, 1976

In anticipation of our Nation's Bicentennial, when as many as five million visitors are expected in New York, the Committee for July 4th in Old New York is planning one of the Nation's greatest Independence Day celebrations in historic Lower Manhattan. This event, which over the years has become one of New York City's major public events, will be the City's official July 4th Salute to our 200th Birthday.

As expected, there will be a blaze of activities too numerous and varied to mention here, but the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America wishes to invite you to participate in one of the major planned events -- the Armenian Art Exhibit -- which will be shown on Broadway across from Trinity Church. The hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with all proceeds from sales to be retained by the artists. Pegs on which to hang paintings will be provided.

We feel certain you will agree this is a unique opportunity not only to display your work to a large audience, but also to add another laurel to the already major contributions of the Armenian people to this great city.

If you are interested in participating, please call me at the Diocese before June 10 for further information. (Telephone 212-686-0710.)

Yours sincerely,

Syrayn Palvetzian  
Director

Esther Agabian	Anahid Janjigian
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