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PRESENT

I ASK YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

A Presentation of the New Edition of the 1945
Classic by Leon Z. Surmelian

I Ask You, Ladies and Gentlemen is Leon Surmelian's personal tale of deep sorrow and profound gratitude, of terrible loss and a lively embrace of life itself. The out-of-print book, first published in 1945, a bestseller in its time, was internationally acclaimed and translated into many languages.

The Armenian Institute has published a new edition for a new generation. With added photographs, a map, glossary and historical context, Surmelian's memoir of his own experiences of surviving genocide and migrating to find shelter is a story that resonates strongly especially today.

Join us for this presentation and discussion of *I Ask You, Ladies and Gentlemen*. Considering its place among the many memoirs that have been published since its first printing, our presenters will discuss why they felt it important to bring the book out in a new edition and what it has to offer today.

Participants

Richard Anooshian, a retired banker with JP Morgan, is a Trustee of the Armenian Institute, London. He initiated the re-publication of *I Ask You, Ladies and Gentlemen*.

Dr. Rebecca Jinks, Lecturer at the Royal Holloway, University of London, is working on a history of Armenian women during the genocide and is Chair of the Armenian Institute trustees.

Dr. Susan Pattie, University College, London, is a cultural anthropologist researching Armenians living in diaspora. She is a founder of the Armenian Institute and currently finishing a term as Director.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020 AT 10:00 PM (BRITISH), 5:00
PM (EASTERN U.S.), 2:00 PM (PACIFIC U.S.)**

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