



**THE ARMENIAN FILM FOUNDATION AND
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ARMENIAN
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**THE J. MICHAEL HAGOPIAN FILM DISCOVERY SERIES
FIRST ANNUAL PROGRAM**



FORBIDDEN JOURNEYS:

***J. Michael Hagopian's Film of the 1967 NAASR Trip to
Historic Armenia and Its Legacy
And Ani Hovannisian-Kevorkian's Work-in-Progress on
the Vanishing Traces of Historic Armenia***

Co-Sponsored by
The Richard G. Hovannisian Chair in Modern Armenian History
The Narekatsi Chair in Armenian Language and Literature
and the Ararat-Eskijian Museum

Sunday, October 1, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

James Bridges Theater, Melnitz Hall, UCLA
235 Charles E. Young Dr., Los Angeles CA

In 1967, the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR) organized the first of its "Armenian Heritage Tours." The Armenian-Americans who set out on this trip were the earliest such group to travel to historic Western Armenia—for some to the places of their birth.

Among the travelers was Dr. J. Michael Hagopian, NAASR's first West Coast director and the founder of the Armenian Film Foundation (and a native of Kharpert). Hagopian shot film on this path-breaking trip, capturing in many cases for the first time post-genocide images of the Western Armenian homeland. The film has not been screened for over three decades.

More than four decades later, documentarian Ani Hovannisian-Kevorkian traveled to Western Armenia and joined with a lone Scottish explorer who has spent 30 years quietly uncovering and documenting the vanishing traces of this lost world. Together they dug beneath the modern map, encountering stories and physical remnants and revealing the hidden map of Turkey's forbidden past.

Join us for this event that will discuss the pioneering legacy of J. Michael Hagopian and his impact as an advocate for Armenian Studies and as a filmmaker. We will present portions of his 1967 film *Historic Armenia* and of Ani Hovannisian-Kevorkian's current documentary, and hear from a panel that includes **Dr. Carla Garapedian, Ms. Ani Hovannisian-Kevorkian, Dr. Richard G. Hovannisian, and Mr. Marc A. Mamigonian**, with opening and closing words from **Prof. S. Peter Cowe** and **Prof. Sebouh Aslanian**.

**Free and open to the public. Reception immediately following the program.
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