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AZERBAIJANI COMEDY TROUPE COMES TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA

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Washington, D.C. October 12, 2011— On Monday, October 24, 2011, the Karabakh Foundation and the U.S. Azeris Network (USAN), along with the Azerbaijan New York Association (ANA) and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan, will present an Azerbaijani language comedy performance by the State Musical Comedy Theater of Azerbaijan. The comedy troupe's presentation affords a taste of Azerbaijan's rich theatrical tradition, which in turn suggests the country's ancient and vibrant culture. The diversity, flair, and drama of the performance will captivate audience members of all ages.

This tour represents the State Musical Comedy Theater's first U.S. appearance in its 138-year existence. The October 24 performance is the troupe's first in the Washington, D.C., area.. All may reserve tickets for this event at azerimusicalcomedy.eventbrite.com.

The show, which will feature ten comedians and two musicians, is in the Azerbaijani language. This rare night of family-friendly Azerbaijani comedy will take place at the historic George Washington Masonic Memorial Temple in Alexandria, Virginia, a beautiful location overlooking both Virginia and D.C. with plenty of free parking. The program will commence promptly at 6:30PM and will run until about 9:00PM.

Attendance is free, but registration at azerimusicalcomedy.eventbrite.com is required. A tax-deductible donation of \$5 or more is suggested. Your donation will help the Karabakh Foundation sustain its important work in building bridges of understanding between the Azerbaijani and American people.



About the Karabakh Foundation

The Karabakh Foundation is a U.S. 501(c)(3) cultural charity foundation based in Washington, D.C., that seeks to increase awareness and understanding in the United States of the cultural heritage and traditions of the country of Azerbaijan, the Caucasus area, and the Karabakh region of Azerbaijan. While coalescing significant artistic and scholarly talent, the Foundation is nurturing a new generation of artists and scholars toward important accomplishments.

The Foundation serves as a dynamic facilitator and clearinghouse raising the public profile of Azerbaijan, its Karabakh region, and the Caucasus region in general. Main activities include preserving and disseminating cultural content via archival collecting, public programs, publications, exhibitions, speaking forums, international collaborations, scholarly exchange, artistic sponsorship, and related venues.

Foundation support comes primarily from Khazar University, the first private university in Azerbaijan and one of the country's leading institutions of higher learning. Support also comes from the U.S.-based Allaverdy Foundation. Additional information about the Karabakh Foundation may be found at www.karabakhfoundation.org.