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TCA Arshag Dickranian School Holds Its 29th Annual Christmas Program

Los Angeles, December 21, 2009 - The Tekeyan Cultural Association Arshag Dickranian School held its 29th Annual Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the school's Walter and Laurel Karabian Hall. Complying with its tradition, the school held this event prior to the Christmas vacation thus giving parents, students, faculty members, friends and guests the opportunity to celebrate the Yule Holidays together.



The event comprised of students performing in a medley of stage presentations and dances, interjected by recitations, monologues and Christmas carols sung by the school choir.

Eleventh grader Ani Nercessian opened the program delighting the audience with her solo rendition of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas", which was followed by the fifth and sixth graders' stage presentation of Sdakhoseh (The Liar) by the famous Armenian writer Hovannes Toumanian.



As the curtain opened again, the pre-kindergartners and kindergartners took the stage respectively with a series of songs, recitations and dances. Their performance concluded with the kindergartners presenting a scene from winter, with girls acting as snowflakes and boys being snowmen.



Next came the 5th graders who sang the popular "Rudolph the Reindeer" which was followed by a brilliant performance of the Armenian dance "Kinto" by 11th graders and the Greek dance "Sirtaki" by students from the 4th - 7th grades. Finally, all participants gathered on stage and ended the program with Armenian and English Christmas carols.



Principal Vartkes Kourouyan delivered the closing remarks by thanking the teachers who were involved in organizing the program, namely: the pre-kindergarten teacher Ms. Madlena Marikyan and her assistant Ms. Nina Mkrtchyan, the kindergarten teacher Ms. Anahid Avanesian and her assistant Ms. Mariam Nishikyan, the Armenian teachers Ms. Emma Umroyan and Ms. Alvard Uzunyan, the music teacher Mr. Komitas Keshishyan, the dance teacher Mr. Robert Arakelian and all the stage hands who had taken part in the preparation and production of this joyful event.

Founded in 1981, The TCA Arshag Dickranian Armenian School is a Pre-K through grade 12 co-educational facility which serves the Armenian community at large. It is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and has federal tax exemption status. For more information visit www.dickranianschool.org.

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