

# Famous Armenians in the world

Armenia has been giving many talented people to the world, below are some of them.



Dennis Agajanian Singer

One of America's most popular gospel singers. Sings at the "Harvest Crusade".



Andre Agassi Tennis

Ranked #1 in the world in 1995. Has won the Wimbledon, the US Open, the French Open, and an Olympic Gold Medal.



Ivan Aivazovsky Painter

Famous for his seascapes. Paintings are featured on numerous postage stamps around the world.



Charles Aznavour Singer

French Singer and Actor with worldwide popularity. Listen to his Greatest Golden Hits, and his Autobiography



Ross Bagdasarian Cartoonist

Creator of "The Chipmunks". Alvin Simon and Theodore, a popular children's cartoon. The "Chipmunks Christmas Album" is a classic.



Eric Bogosian Writer/Actor

Known for Sex, Drugs, Rock & Roll and Talk Radio.



Cher (Cherylin Sarkissian) Actress, Singer

Sonny & Cher Show, The Witches of Eastwick, Songs I Got You Babe, Believe. Best Actress Oscar for Moonstruck.



Mike Connors (Ohanian) Actor

Star of "Mannix"



Princess Diana Princess of Wales

1/64th Armenian! The most widely known living person in the world before the fatal car accident, she was well loved for not being aloof. She made removal of landmines worldwide her cause.



Dr. Raymond Damadian Inventor

MRI diagnosis machine. Magnetic Resonance Imaging allows the insides of the body to be viewed without actually using surgery.



Atom Egoyan Director

Won 1997 Cannes Grand Prize & 2 Oscar Nominations for "The Sweet Hereafter". This Cairo-born and Canadian-bred director also produced award winning "The Adjustor", "Exotica", "Ararat" and others.



Arshile Gorky Painter

Gorky has been called both the last of the great Surrealists and the first of the Abstract Expressionists. His work was vital to the emergence of a specifically American school of abstract art



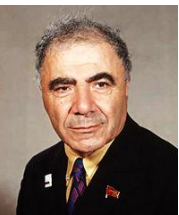
Calouste Gulbenkian Oil Baron

"Mr. 5%" Made his fortune in Iraqi oil earlier this century after gaining 5% ownership of BP, and 3 other major companies. Set up a large enduring foundation.



George Gurdjieff Spiritual Leader

Gurdjieff's basic teaching is that human life is lived in waking sleep; transcendence of the sleeping state requires a specific inner work, which is practiced in private quiet conditions, and in the midst of life with others



Viktor Hambartsumian Astrophysicist

Developed theories of young star clusters, and computing the mass ejected from nova stars. Headed Byurakan Observatory in Armenia, & International Astrophysicist Organization.



Kevork Hovnanian Homebuilder

One of top 10 US homebuilders



Steve Jobs Computers

Co-founder of Apple Computer



Garry Kasparov Chess

Ranked #1 in world. Serving in Russian Parliament. Was defeated for the first time by a chess computer built by IBM.



Howard Kazanjian Producer

Return of the Jedi and Raiders of the Lost Ark



Dr. Varaztad Kazanjian

Doctor

A Father of Plastic Surgery and Harvard Professor. Pioneer of new techniques to repair damage to WWI soldiers. Known in his day as the "Miracle Man of the Western Front."



Kirk Kerkorian

Businessman, Investor

Founded airlines, built worlds largest casinos, owned MGM studios and still owns MGM Grand, plus large share of Diamler-Chrysler. Funds Lincy Foundation.



Dr. Jack Kevorkian

Physician

"Dr. Death". Proponent of assisted suicide. Helped dozens of terminally ill patients end their lives with his suicide machine. In Michigan jail for his work.



Aram Khachaturian

Composer

Gayane, Spartacus, The Battle of Stalingrad / Othello, The Sabre Dance



Emile Lahoud

President

President of Lebanon, former Lebanese general who united the religious factions of the Lebanese army.



Alex Manoogian

Inventor, Businessman

Invented single handle faucet, founded Masco. Huge philanthropist during his life, with strong ties to the Armenian General Benevolent Union.



Rouben Mamoulian

Director

First to use a mobile camera, Technicolor and a multiple channel sound track. Directed Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, The Mark of Zorro, and Silk Stalkings.



Artem Mikoyan

Aircraft Designer

Creator and namesake of "MiG" Fighters of the Soviet Union and Russia.



David Nalbandian Tennis

Former world #3.



Sergei Parajanov

Surrealist Artist/Producer

Soviet Armenian Surrealist Producer. Works include: Fire Horses/The Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors, The Color of Pomegranates/Sayat Nova, The Legend of the Suram Fortress, Ashik Kerib



Ara Parseghian

Coach

Previous Notre Dame Football Coach, national championships in 1966 and 1973



Alain Prost      Race Car Driver      Won Formula 1 Race 4 Times



Raffi (Cavoukian)      Songwriter/Singer

Children's Songwriter. Probably the most popular in the world. Albums include Singable Songs for the children, More Singable Songs for the children Raffi's Christmas Album, Baby Beluga, and others.



William Saroyan      Novelist, Playwright

Won a Pulitzer Prize for the play "The Time of Your Life" which he turned down. Wrote "The Human Comedy", "My Name is Aram", and directed a prize winning movie.



Luther Simjian      Inventor

Inventor of Medical photography systems, Autofocus camera, Automatic Developing machine, ATM, Military flight simulator, Postage Meter.



Seymour Skinner (Armen Tamzarian)      Principal

Bart and Lisa's Principal on the "Simpson's". On one episode he relates he is not actually Seymour Skinner, but actually Armen Tamzarian. The town decides to never discuss his dark past again.



System of a Down      Music Group

Music Group with growing popularity. Performed on one track of the Southpark CD, and Ozzfest. Proud Armenians, as their System of a Down album shows.



Jerry Tarkanian      Coach

"Tark the Shark". Turned the UNLV basketball team, the "Runnin Rebels" into a west coast powerhouse, reaching the finals and winning a few times. Then coached his hometown Fresno State team.



Steven Zaillian      Screenwriter

Received Oscar for Schindlers List, also screen wrote: Clear and Present Danger, Patriot Games, Awakenings.



Zildjian Family      Manufacturers

World's Largest Cymbal Manufacturer, by using secret family production technique that produces excellent sound and very strong metal. The two brothers founded the Sabian cymbal factory, in Meductic, New Brunswick, Canada, before an argument led one brother to quit the company and form a rival brand carrying the family name, Zildjian.

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