

THE AZNAVOORIAN SISTERS

Ani & Marta Aznavoorian, Cello & Piano



The prize-winning Armenian-American sister duo of ANI & MARTA AZNAVOORIAN celebrate their heritage performing Armenian composers as well as Beethoven, Paganini and more!

“True artists showing GREAT SENSITIVITY AND GREAT VIRTUOSITY at all moments.” –LOS ANGELES TIMES

“SUPERB PLAYING . . . expressive, technically poised and well blended throughout.” –Chicagoclassicalreview.com

“...A LIVELY AND LOVELY PROGRAM.” –CLASSICAL MODERN MUSIC REVIEW

The Aznavoorian Sisters' first concert together was at the ages of 4 and 8 at their Armenian church in Evanston, IL. Their 1st Prize in the Illinois Bell Young Performers Competition resulted in a live performance with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on PBS.

Since then, the sisters have toured France, Armenia, and Finland, performed at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, and presented countless programs in their hometown of Chicago including a major fundraiser for the Armenian earthquake in 1988. This season, the Aznavoorian Duo embarks on a tour of California, and the Seattle Chamber Music Society presents them in a winter residency.

The sisters won the National Foundation for the Arts Recognition and Talent Award, leading to their appointment as Presidential Scholars in the Arts and performances at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. as well as at The White House, where they met two presidents.

In 2022, the Aznavoorian Sisters released their debut album, *Gems from Armenia*, on the Cedille label. The CD has received rave reviews in the press.

“...In presenting an in-depth overview of the Armenian musical landscape, past and present, the Aznavoorians have done a valuable service.” –TEXTURA

Cellist ANI AZNAVOORIAN has appeared with many of the world's leading orchestras. She studied with Aldo Parisot at Juilliard, where she won 1st Prize in the Concerto Competition, the youngest cellist in the history of the competition to do so.



“THE MOST RAPTUROUSLY POIGNANT ALBUM OF THE YEAR so far is *Gems From Armenia*, by the Aznavoorian Duo ... It underscores the disproportionately rich influence this tiny nation's music continues to make around the globe.” –DELARUE NEW YORK MUSIC DAILY

Pianist MARTA AZNAVOORIAN has performed to critical acclaim throughout the world as an orchestral soloist, recitalist, chamber musician, and educator, and has been nominated for multiple GRAMMY Awards. She is a founding member of the Lincoln Trio and has a vast discography. She studied with the renowned teacher Menahem Pressler at Indiana University.

Ani proudly performs on a cello made by her father, Peter Aznavoorian, and Marta is a Steinway Artist.

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