AUTHOR K. GAREBIAN RECEIVES CANADA COUNCIL GRANT

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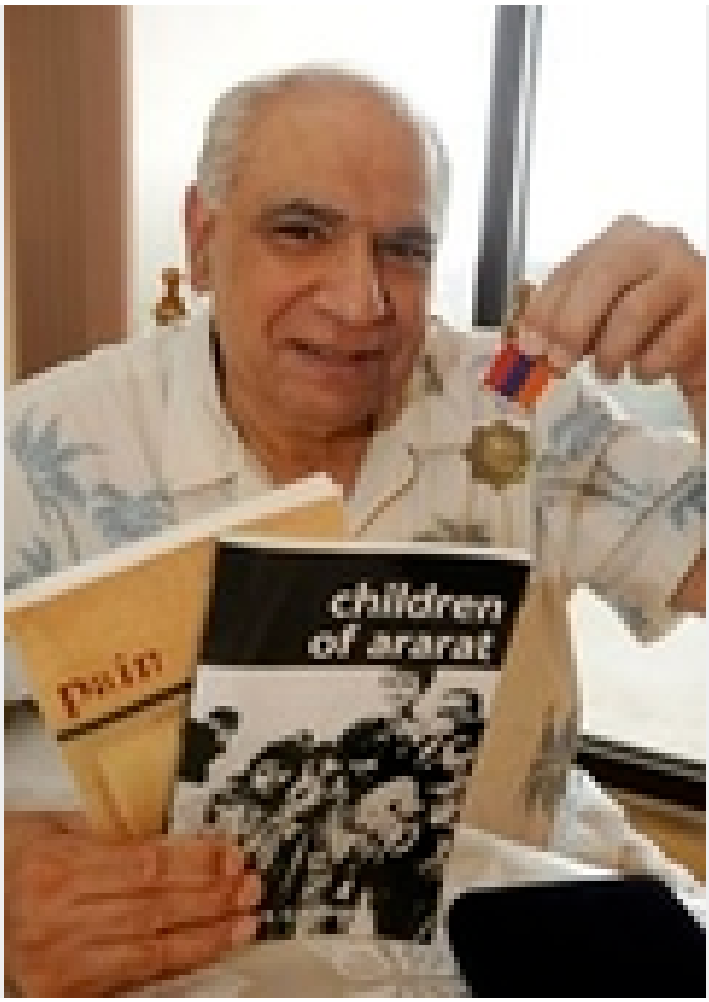

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Although the 70-year-old is new to receiving large writing grants, he’s no stranger to winning non-monetary awards and accolades. Last year, he was the winner of a 2013 Mississauga Arts Award for his book, *Moon on Wild Grasses*; he was also awarded the prestigious William Saroyan Medal, named in honour of the great Armenian-American dramatist and author.

The $25,000 grant is the maximum allowable for a single year to a writer. It will be the impetus — both financial and inspirational — for Garebian to complete the manuscript of *William Hutt: An Actor’s Life*, which he has been working on the last couple of years.

Garebian hopes to have the book — a follow-up to *William Hutt: A Theatre Portrait*, which he published in 1988 — out in time for the opening of the 2015 Stratford Festival, which Hutt helped put on the map and where he spent most of his career.

Garebian also hopes the prestigious grant will help him garner a publishing contract. So far, he has completed some 600 manuscript pages.

“What makes the Canada Council award especially gratifying is the fact that I now feel a broad, national validation of my project and literary credentials,” he says.