

# DAMAGES OF CIVILITY


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This was not written as a stage piece by Baronian. Krikor Satamian was instrumental in converting it to a comedic script on stage. A Master's touch by Satamian should leave no doubt as to how well this script is dealt with.

This theatrical piece has music and Armenian dance accompanying it.

On the occasion of the founding of The Mher Megerdchian Theatrical Group's fifteen year celebration this year, the Organizing Committee has been preparing this affair as meticulously as possible without sacrificing any effort towards its successful achievement.

Needless to say that the Megerdchian company has presented 18 works on stage with a lot of acclaim the last fifteen years. It has been one of a few groups that have lasted so long on the shores of this country presenting the Armenian Theater with the Armenian language and words on the stage.

It has to be mentioned that the formation of this group was the brainchild of Hagop Vartivarian who has also been the Chairman of the Mher Megerdchian Group since the very date of its inception. Hagop has invested many years of tremendous energy and time along with his personal finance. His

greatest desire was to see that our efforts should blossom into the great success of the Armenian Theater which he loves with such a great passion.

Let us name some of the pieces that theater lovers will remember: "Once Again Baronian" by Baronian, "My Heart's In The Highlands" by William Saroyan, "Servant Of Two Masters" by Carlo Goldoni, "The Eastern Dentist" By Baronian, "The Trap" by Robert Thomas, "Comedy of Errors" by Shakespeare, "Love And Laughter" by Krikor Odian and many more.

