

Artistic Activities

- The Assyrian Academic Society gave a reception in honor of the Assyrian poet laureate and musician Mr. William Daniel. The program consisted of short speeches on different aspects of the musical and literary works of the guest. The speakers were: Dr. Edward Paulissian, Mr. Bailis Shamun, Dr. Edward Odisho and Dr. Oshana Beblis. The M.C. was Rabi Yousip Canon. Between the speeches the Assyrian singer Ms. Tamara Badal sang one or two of William Daniel's lyrics. The singer was accompanied by a pianist and a violinist. The guest was presented with a plaque marking this occasion. The reception was held on October 5, 1986 at Loyola University/Rambler Hall and was well attended.

- The Assyrian Academic Society presented a classical music concert, including some Assyrian compositions. The performers were the well-known Assyrian musician Mr. Nebu Issabey and his two daughters, Arbella, 20 and Nineveh, 13. Over 200 people attended the concert and the performance was well received. The activity took place on June 28, 1987 at the Unitarian Church of Evanston.

- The Assyrian American Association of Chicago in coordination with the Civic Club of Turlock hosted the NABOURAM CHOIR of about 50 people under the leadership of the Assyrian musician Mr. Shoorā Michailian. The Choir held two performances on the 22nd and 23rd of August, 1987. The program comprised a wide variety of artistic activities ranging from folkloric music and songs to classical music recitals. An average of 300-400 people attended each performance. Unfortunately, the attendance was not consistent with the high quality of the presentations and the nature of the program. By all standards, Assyrian and non-Assyrian, the activities were superb and everyone was deeply impressed. We congratulate A.A.A. for such an untraditional and innovative activity and we also congratulate Mr. Shoorā Michailian for his sincere efforts in putting the whole Choir together.