

»AURORA'S SUNRISE«

DIRECTOR: INNA SAHAKYAN
ARMENIA, GERMANY, LITHUANIA, 2022, 96 MINUTES

ORIGINAL VERSION WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES

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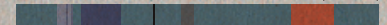
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Free admission

Ticket reservation:

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At only 14 years old, Aurora lost everything during the horror of the Armenian genocide. Two years later, through luck and extraordinary courage, she escaped to New York, where her story became a media sensation. Starring as herself in *Auction of Souls*, an early Hollywood blockbuster, Aurora became the face of one of the largest charity campaigns in American history. With a blend of vivid animation, interviews with Aurora herself, and 18 minutes of surviving footage from her lost silent epic, *Aurora's Sunrise* revives a forgotten story of survival.

Inna Sahakyan has directed and produced feature-length documentaries, docu series, and shorts that have been broadcasted internationally. She focuses on uncovering untold and forgotten stories while exploring the nature of humanity through intimate and innovative filmmaking. Her animated documentary about Armenian genocide survivor and Hollywood star Aurora Mardigyan, *Aurora's Sunrise* (2022), screened at over 60 festivals, winning several awards.


Welcome: **Jochen Böhler**, Director of the VWI

Mourad Mahidi, Deputy Head of the Human Rights Department, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

H.E. Mr. Armen Papikyan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Armenia to Austria

Discussion: After the screening there will be a discussion with film director **Inna Sahakyan** and **Marina Rauchenbacher**, Department of Cultural Management and Gender Studies (IKM)/University of Music and Performing Arts, Vienna.

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