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A film by Inna Sahakyan

# AURORA'S SUNRISE

Based on the true story of AURORA MARDIGANIAN

Armenia's Official Entry  
to the 95th  
Academy Awards

A survivor's journey from  
bloodshed to the red carpet

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## The Fresno Premiere Screening of "Aurora's Sunrise"



**Friday, September 1, 2023 • 5:30 PM-Film Screening**

**Followed by a discussion with Director Inna Sahakyan**

**Leon and Peter Peters Educational Center • Fresno State**

**(5010 N. Woodrow Ave., West End of the SaveMart Center - Enter at Shaw and Woodrow)**

**Free admission and Free parking in Lot P2**

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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.*