

Mp3 Sonya Varoujian - Janabar

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Details: Sonya Varoujian Born in England, Sonya Varoujian has been drawn to music from a very early age. Born to parents who both enjoy singing, her home was always filled with music. From an early age she was often selected for solo choir performances or lead roles in musical productions. In her teenage years as well as being in a Select Choral Ensemble, she qualified as an All-State finalist in New York State for her singing performance and sight reading ability. She also joined the Hamazkain Armenian Cultural Choir for 3 years under the guest direction of Jean Almouhian who has directed the well known Arax choir in Buenos Aires Argentina for many years. It was when she was 15 that she began playing the guitar which was a gift from an uncle. Her playing progressed to songwriting at the age of 18. Sonya's first ever recording was a compilation of songs called "All in All" which she recorded in 1991. She formed her first band "Raindance" at the age of 21 while at art school in London England and then later returned to New York City to record two CD's entitled 'Seven' and 'Confession' with producer Oshin Baroyan. During this period she successfully performed in New York City under the name of 'Seven' with 5 other musicians. Her shows were often sold out and the performances were very well received. During this time she wrote her songs in English and she received numerous positive write-ups in newspapers and magazines such as New York Newsday, Instant Magazine, Good Times, and Music Morsels. She also received fan mail and was broadcast and interviewed on radio stations and even managed to sell out the self-titled 'Seven' cd in various music outlets like Tower Records. She was also invited to appear in the PBS Documentary "The Armenian Americans" alongside celebrities like Andre Agasse, Eric Boghosian, and Andrea Martin which was broadcast nationwide. In the summer of 2005, by means of the London and Paris based DAC organisation (Diasporan Armenian Connection), Sonya had the privilege to go as a volunteer to a small village called Marts located in Lori Marz in Armenia . There she worked on an animation team which was responsible for teaching arts, crafts, music, dance and theatre to the local village children. This experience inspired her to begin writing songs again. Sonya has now written her songs in Armenian for the first time. In summer of 2006, Sonya recorded her first Armenian CD which is a

compilation of her original songs. She worked with with local artists in Yerevan under the direction of Narine Zarifyan who has written arrangements for various instruments to accompany the guitar. Please visit: [sonyavaroujianto](#) to read reviews, lyrics, and keep up to date with Sonya's concerts and projects in Armenia.

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