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HASMIK TOROSYAN  
GIULIO ZAPPA

FOLK SONGS BY KOMITAS

# SOUNDS OF ARMENIA

*"A dream of the years, the call of the blood, the duty of the soul, a priceless treasure for me, which encompasses the magnificent melodies of my beautiful and ancient country. The melodies without which my soul is empty, my existence is incomplete."*

*—Hasmik Torosyan*

**Komitas** (1869-1935) was an Armenian composer, musicologist, medievalist, ethnographer-folklorist, choirmaster, singer, and poet. He is considered the founder of the Armenian national tradition of art music. Komitas' work and artistic legacy have played a key role in the history of Armenian music and in the crystallization of the Armenian national identity paradigm.

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## CD 1

1. Երկինքն ամպել է | **The Sky Is Cloudy**
2. Հով արեք | **Bring Coolness**
3. Էս առուն | **This Water Stream**
4. Ծիրանի ծառ | **Apricot Tree**
5. Ջուր կուգա վերին սարեն | **Water Streams Down the Upper Hill**
6. Ախ, մարալ ջան | **Oh, Lovely Deer**
7. Զուլո | **Zulo**
8. Շողեր ջան | **Dear Shogher**
9. Ես աղջիկ եմ | **I Am a Girl**
10. Քելեր, ցուլեր | **Walking, Shining**
11. Կաքավի երգը | **Partridge Song**
12. Կուժն առա | **I Took the Jug**
13. Մարոն ա կայնե | **Maro is Standing**
14. Լե լե յաման | **Le Le Yaman**
15. Օրոր | **Oror (Lullaby)**

## CD 2

1. Լորիկ | **The Quail**
2. Քելե քելե | **Walk, Walk**
3. Անտունի | **Antuni**
4. Գարուն ա | **It's Spring**
5. Ես սարեն կուգայի | **I Was Coming from The Mountain**
6. Չեմ կրնա խաղա | **I Can't Sing and Dance**
7. Զինչ ու զինչ | **What, What?**
8. Չինար ես | **You Are a Plane Tree**
9. Հոյ նազան | **Hey Nazan**
10. Կռունկ | **The Crane**
11. Քուն եղիր, պալաս | **Rest, My Baby**
12. Կանչե, կռունկ | **Call, Crane**
13. Գարուն | **Spring**
14. Ալագյազ | **Alagyaz**
15. Խնկի ծառ | **Incense Tree**





## HASMIK TOROSYAN

Hasmik Torosyan was born in Yerevan, Armenia. She graduated from the Romanos Melikyan Music College where she studied with T. Hambardzumyan; and from the Yerevan Komitas State Conservatory, where she studied with G. Geghamyan. Hasmik won a number of national and international awards, including the First Prize and Golden Medal in the Armenian Republic Competition named after Gohar Gasparian; the President's Prize and Gold Medal for Young Singers of Armenia; the First Prize in the Bella voce international competition in Moscow, and was a finalist at the 6th Seoul International Music Competition.



## GIULIO ZAPPA

Giulio Zappa was born in Monza. He completed his musical studies under the guidance of Oleg Marshev, graduating in piano performance with the highest distinction. At the same time, he graduated in foreign languages and literatures at the State University of Milan with a thesis on Russian opera, also with the highest distinction, under the guidance of Fausto Malcovati and Francesco Degrada. Zappa trained as a repertoire pianist in Milan, in Bianca Maria Casoni's singing class. He then studied with Aldo Ciccolini and Irwin Gage, with the latter in the repertoire of vocal chamber music, which has always been Zappa's greatest passion.



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