

MUSIC FOR UNITY

in cooperation with

The National Association of Composers/USA Los Angeles Chapter (NACUSA-LA) and
All Armenian Students Association (All ASA)

2026 INTERNATIONAL COMPOSITION COMPETITION

HOMECOMING: RETURN TO ARTSAKH

CALL FOR SCORES

A Piano Trio based on Armenian Folk Tune from Artsakh

Duration 4 – 6 Minutes

Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis until February 20, 2026

Prizes for Finalists are \$500, and \$1500 for First Place

Eligibility: age 18 or older

One Folk Tune to be chosen by the composer from three selections at

musicforunity.org

No Submission Fee

Submission Form: musicforunity.org.

Finalists to be announced March 10, 2026

Grand Opening of the Competition May 15, 2026

Competition Finale, May 16, 2026, in Glendale, California



SHELL PIANO TRIO

First-place Winning Trio to be performed on the California concert tour, June 2026.

With the belief that music can bring all people together, **Music for Unity** strives to raise awareness of global humanitarian issues through the universal language of music. In September of 2023, 120,000 Armenian people were forced to leave their ancestral homeland of Artsakh, leaving behind their homes and heritage to the dictatorial regime of Azerbaijan. This genocidal act is aimed at erasing the Armenian presence and culture in the region. The *HOMECOMING/Return to Artsakh* project is inspired by our belief that “all displaced persons have the right to return to their homes,” as stated by The Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Dunja Mijatović.

NACUSA-LA member benefits include: calls for scores for in-person public concerts; e-composer conversations, events for music education, networking, e-bulletins of opportunities.

ALL-ASA, a non-profit umbrella organization representing over fifty Armenian Student Associations, strives to cultivate connections, celebrate, exercise, and learn our cultural heritage.

