

# ARA TOPOUZIAN

ARMENIAN & WORLD MUSICIAN

## PROFILE

Ara Topouzian is an Armenian-American musician whose proficiency at the Kanun (Middle Eastern harp) has made him a nationally-recognized artist.

He has performed at concerts, music festivals and many celebrated venues across the United States, with some of the top musicians of Armenian and Middle Eastern music.

Topouzian's traditional music style keeps to his Armenian heritage but has expanded to include music from around the Middle East with jazz, fusion, and new age influences.

The recipient of numerous awards, Topouzian's music has been heard and sold around the globe.

In 2012, Kresge Arts of Detroit recognized Topouzian with a Kresge Arts Fellowship for his achievements and contributions to his craft.

## HIGHLIGHTS

KRESGE ARTIST FELLOW (2012)

KNIGHT ARTS CHALLENGE RECIPIENT (2013)

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE, FARMINGTON HILLS (2015)

READERS CHOICE, BEST LOCAL ARTIST, HOUR DETROIT (2017-2018)

FILMMAKER, GUARDIANS OF MUSIC - PBS (2015)  
TELLY AWARD WINNER (2016)

SOLOIST, VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (2012)

SOLOIST, WORLD MUSIC ENSEMBLE, DETROIT ORCHESTRA HALL (2010)

BEST FOLK ARTIST, WDIV TELEVISION (2012-2015)

ARMENIAN MUSIC AWARDS RECIPIENT (2000, 2001)



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40% of his performance fee  
if application is granted**