



## Mary Kouyoumdjian *Silent Cranes* The Kronos Quartet Hotel Elefant



Composed by Armenian-American Mary Kouyoumdjian, this evening's music commemorates the Armenian Genocide of 1915 in which one-and-a-half million Armenians were killed by the Ottoman Turks.

The program will include the US premiere of **Mary Kouyoumdjian's** multimedia work *Silent Cranes*, written for and performed by the Grammy Award-winning **Kronos Quartet**. The world premiere took place on April 29, 2015 in Yerevan, Armenia, during the *Yerevan Perspectives 16th International Music Festival*. As a reflection on the genocide, *Silent Cranes* features projection design by **Laurie Olinder** and poetry by **David Barsamian**.

*When & where*

**May 12, 2015 @ 8pm**

**Roulette, 509 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn  
New York**

**Hotel Elefant**, a new-music ensemble founded and directed by **Mary Kouyoumdjian**, will perform the world premiere of *Everlastingness*, a portrait of **Arshile Gorky**, artist and genocide survivor who lived through a series of tragic events upon his displacement to the US. *Everlastingness* is a collaboration with librettist Royce Vavrek.

The program will also include two works performed by Hotel Elefant and exploring the genocide from other angles:



*This Should Feel Like Home* (2013), originally premiered at Carnegie Hall, uses field recordings from cities and villages to evoke what it was like to visit Armenia for the first time. The New York Times praised the work as “eloquently scripted sequence of vignettes” an “emotionally wracking” piece.

*Dzov Yerku Kooynov / Sea of Two Colors* (2011), commissioned by the American Composers Forum/Fund for Hotel Elefant, is a portrait of composer **Komitas Vardapet**, genocide survivor.

While more than twenty countries have formally recognized the Armenian Genocide, modern-day Turkey has yet to do so and threatens imprisonment to those who mention the topic within their borders. Composer Mary Kouyoumdjian believes that art can create opportunities for a conversation with audiences when words become too difficult to say or hear.

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## Details

**Date:**  
May 12

**Time:**  
8:00 pm

**Event Category:**  
Music, Sound Art, Multimedia,  
Film

**Website:**  
<http://roulette.org/events/jerome-residency-silent-cranes-music-mary-kouyoumdjian-performed-kronos-quartet-hotel-elefant/>

## Venue

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