

Friendship from Armenië

Several months ago now, it was June 2007 residents from Europe visited The Hague. They spent 24 hours in several quarters of The Hague amongst which also our quarter: the Laak quarter. During the daytime we had a programme in which we went to meet several organisations in our quarter both social as well as religious orientated organisation. We exchanged stories and experiences and learnt from each other discussing issues for a society that is a safe and happy place for everybody.

In the evening we got to know the people behind the stories better.

Anyway Laak accommodated two Antwerp residents and they were very involved in an Armenian folk dance Group. Father Centre Adam in Laak initiated a very successful theater Play called: "In the name of the Fathers". A play about the first immigrant fathers who left their home and families to work in Holland. Anyway the Armenian community was very eager to have it Piece played in Antwerp; in return they sent their famous Armenian folkdance company over to the Hague.



It all took place Sunday January 27 at the Pierrot Theater in The Hague. Father Centre Adam and R4R Europe organised a performance for all the The Hague Residents who wanted to see this spectacle! Everybody was free to come and join the show, free entrance and a hot drink!

The theater was packed! No chairs left, people had to see the show standing but they did and enjoyed themselves immensely. Approx 30 young Armenian boys and girls from Dance Company Barekamutiun (which means friendship) gave an outstanding and inspirational performance.

This performance united people of all kinds of colors, of all kinds of cultures and religion and conviction, young and old were there merely to enjoy themselves. Turkish people and Armenian people set aside their differences for a couple of hours.

This is an example of how fun and culture can overcome differences; it gives us hope for the future.



We hope to see Barekamution again someday soon and we thank them for really bringing us an afternoon of beauty and Friendship.

Well done Father Centre Adam,
For bringing this wonderful dance company to The Hague!

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