



An Evening with

HAYKO BAĞDAT

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Join **NURHAN BECIDYAN** and journey into the life and views of exiled author, journalist, and TV personality **HAYKO BAĞDAT**. They will share anecdotes about growing up Armenian in Istanbul while examining, the plight of democracy builders and journalists in today's Turkey, the continued assault on the Kurdish population, the crisis facing the Armenian Patriarchate, and the price of activism as a non-Turk in a society that has failed to face its past. The event will be in Armenian, Turkish and English. Turkish will be translated to English.

HAYKO BAĞDAT produced the first Armenian radio show in Turkey but the catalyst for his real foray into journalism was the assassination of Hirant Dink. In response, Bağdat co-founded the civil society initiative **Friends of Hirant** and endeavored to shed light on the circumstances surrounding the assassination while giving voice to the disenfranchised in Turkish media.

Thanks to his colorful style, **HAYKO BAĞDAT** quickly gained more than a million followers on social media, became a household name in Turkey and a popular guest on television shows. In addition, he produced and presented multiple TV programs and wrote a column for the liberal daily newspaper **Taraf**. He currently lives in Germany due to a failed attempt on his life while in Turkey, continued death threats and an arrest warrant that has been issued for his detention.

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St. Leon Armenian Church/Charles & Grace Pinajian Youth Center

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THE EVENT IS FREE. A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE DISCUSSION AND BOOK SIGNING.