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The AGBU Performing Arts Department To Hold Concert with Armenia-based Band The Bambir

The AGBU Performing Arts Department is proud to hold a concert featuring The Bambir and poet/musician Alan Semerdjian on Friday, June 3 at 10:30 pm at the Rockwood Music Hall in New York.

The Bambir is an Armenia-based music collective spanning four decades. With more than fifty musicians having passed through its ranks, the band has now moved into its second generation, with sons of the original members making up a new four-piece ensemble. During their 2012 extended tour in Ireland, they played over 120 shows across the entire country and performed in all of its most prestigious festivals. Their New York show is part of an American tour that includes shows in Chicago, Austin, Los Angeles and Winona, Minnesota. Their most recent album, *Upsessions*, was released in June 2015 from Meeting Point in Yerevan.

They will be accompanied onstage by Alan Semerdjian, a poet and musicians who has spent twenty years making and releasing music in a myriad of bands and genres. In the summer of 2013, Semerdjian partnered with Asheville's NewSong Recordings for his latest release, *Quiet Songs for Loud Times*. Semerdjian's distinct aesthetic strikes notes familiar in modern folk music, indie and art rock, and Americana traditions.

Tickets will be available at the door for a \$20 suggested donation.

For more information, please visit www.thebambir.com (<http://www.thebambir.com>).

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