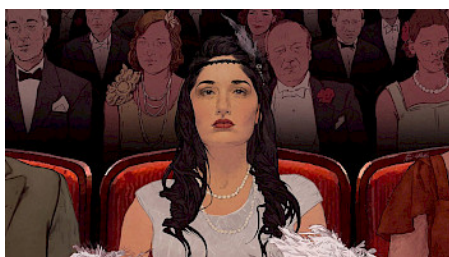


# AURORA'S SUNRISE

by Inna Sahakyan



## SYNOPSIS

At only 14 years old, Aurora lost everything during the horror of the Armenian Genocide. But with luck and extraordinary courage she escaped to New York, where her story became a media sensation.

Starring in one of the first Hollywood blockbusters as herself in 1919, Auction of Souls, Aurora would become the face of the largest charity campaign in American history. With a blend of vivid animation, aged Aurora's video testimony, and 18-minute rediscovered footage from her original lost silent epic, Aurora's Sunrise revives Aurora her inspiring forgotten story.

The film blends animation with archive footage to tell a tragic story from contemporary history.

### PRESS REVIEWS:

The remarkable life of Armenian genocide survivor Aurora Mardiganian is turned into a gripping animation  
[WENDY IDE, SCREENDAILY]

Inna Sahakyan's animated doc is a heartbreaking tale of survival on two continents and a vivid re-examination of the Armenian genocide [David Katz, CINEUROPA]

A powerful tribute to...

## FESTIVALS

Armenia's submission 95th Academy Awards 2023 – Best International Feature Film

2021

Sunny Side of the Doc Prize E-Meeting Point Vilnius

2022

Silver Apricot – GAIFF

FFHH22 – 30 Filmfest Hamburg

Festival Carrefour du cinéma d'animation, France

20 doclisboa IFF

Annecy IAFF

ANNEOY – long metrage

Asian Pacific Screen Awards Nominee

Armenia, Germany, Lithuania  
2022

96 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, History, War/Peace, Human Rights, Migration

### CONTENT CATEGORIES

Animation, Hybrid

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Armenian, English, Turkish, German

### PREMIERE

Germany (2022)

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