

# Seda Suny

(1905 Tiflis - 1994 NY)

Dancer, Choreographer, Ballet School Founder (1928, NY) Teacher, Musician  
and Daughter of Armenian Composer Grikor Mirzaian Suni (1876-1939)

## 1986 Voice of America Interview and Recital

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### Interview in Armenian (Seda Suny's home, Beacon, New York)

Norair Stepanian conducted this interview. Arsen Sayan chief producer, Voice of America's Armenian Service (VOA-AS)  
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| 1. Interviewer introduces Seda Suny, age 80, and asks about her ballet school.  | 1:16  |
| 2. Seda Suny speaks of her dance career.  | 1:22  |
| 3. Interviewer asks about her singing.  | 0:10  |
| 4. Seda Suny tells of her education from 1914.  | 1:26  |
| 5. Interviewer asks about her father Armenian composer Grikor Mirzaian Suni.  | 0:10  |
| 6. Seda Suny tells of Grikor Mirzaian Suni's life, music and politics.  | 2:23  |
| 7. Interviewer asks about her trips to Armenia.   | 0:12  |
| 8. Seda tells of 1967 visit to Armenia's ballet school, donation of father's manuscripts to Armenia's state museum.   | 1:05  |
| 9. Interviewer asks Ms. Suny to sing folk songs.  | 0:17  |
| 10. Seda introduces 7 Armenian folk songs, 1st and 3rd, Sareri Hovin Mernim, and Nenni Bala being her father's songs. | 0:38  |
| <b>Seda Suny sings 7 Armenian songs, accompanying herself at the piano</b>  |   |
| 11. Sareri Hovin Mernim (For the Mountain Breeze I'd Die) by Grikor Mirzaian Suni, from "Aregnazan" Opera             | 2:40  |
| 12. Siretsi Yarus Daran (I Loved, but )   | 2:59  |
| 13. Nenni Bala (Sleep My Child) by Grikor Mirzaian Suni   | 1:55  |
| 14. Aghji Horom (A Girl Named Horom) (Horom Horom)  | 2:02  |
| 15. Yes Bujoor Yarus Bujoor (I'm Little and my Sweetheart's Little) yev (and) Dule Yaman (Dear Heart, Alas)           | 3:51  |
| 16. Kez Em Mnoom Anoush Karoon (I'm Waiting for You Sweet Spring)   | 3:30  |
| 17. Yerevan Bagh Em Arel (My Yerevan Orchard) 2:06  | 18. Interviewer's end, "It's unbelievable" 0:12     |
| <b>Seda Suny sings 9 Russian romance songs</b>  |   |
| 19. Myechda (Dream) 3:04  | 20. Daska, Byechal (Suffering) 2:17                 |
| 21. Trivoka (Missing You) 2:33  |   |
| 22. Sokol Prikrasni (Handsome Hawk) 2:45  | 23. Pommish Taganka (Do You Remember Taganka?) 3:05 |
| 24. Vsyo Shto Bila (All That's Happened) 2:38   | 25. Choovchik (Curly bangs) 2:08                    |
| 26. Tyeni Minoovshego (Forgive Me) 3:05   | 27. Proshchai (Farewell) 2:54                       |