

APPEAL

of the managers of the project on making a screen version of the book of A.Z. Melik-Shakhnazarov

Dear friends, sponsors, patrons, investors and individuals,

we know that modern technology in animation give real opportunities to create beautiful and fun to watch works. That's why, and because of the smaller investments (compared to the fiction film), it is accepted to film the historical novel "Olympionic of Artaksata" written by A.Z. Melik-Shakhnazarov in the form of a full length 3D animation film.

The plot of the historical novel is based on the events of the second half of the IV century, when the Armenian youth Varazdat, taking part in a competition called the "fist fight" went through all the trials and become on the 291st Olympic Games (385 AD) the first foreigner olympionic (Olympic champion) in the history of the Games.

It so happens that these Games were the last in the history of the Olympic sports. After many centuries, the French Baron Pierre de Coubertin, in order to implement the idea of hosting international sporting events, was able to revive the Olympic Games, and it happened in the summer of 1896 – thus an invaluable contribution to the promotion of sports has been made. The world civilization was given a powerful impulse to the development of sports, which had a huge success at the ancient Olympic Games from 776 BC, and were banned by the Roman emperor Theodosius I in 394 AD.

Youth, love, patience, resourcefulness and courage of the main characters are truly fascinating, and make you think about the excellent qualities of many of the people who lived at that time. Truly, a man of the highest integrity, strength and area of thought could be a winner in individual competitions, as well as ascend the throne of the state: the Olympionic Varazdat was one of those worthy sons who later became the king of Great Armenia, Varazdat I.

Every nation has its heroes, but the Armenian people, at all times of the world civilization, was and is giving to the history such a great number of strong and

intelligent people that we have a right to be proud of them, and their names should not be forgotten. "It is enough to invite a hundred of Armenians to fight off the enemy!" - Denis Davydov, a Russian general of the Patriotic War of 1812, said. These words perfectly describe brave Armenian soldiers and clever generals, which could also be the descendants Olympionic Varazdat.

Each of us carries a gene of our ancestors, and we can't but do what is necessary in order to honor their memory, which is why a full-length animated film "Olympionic of Artaksat" is dedicated to them. Moreover, to report about one more particle of the Armenian history is not only our duty but also an honorable obligation to the world culture.

The film is going to be created thank to the sponsor's money and private donations, and if you, my friend, have an opportunity to make your own, even the most minimal, contribution - your name will remain for centuries. And it's true!

More information is available at: <http://olympionikvarazdat.ru> (or <http://олимпиониквараздат.рф>).

Yours very truly,

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