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**Armenian Studies Program
California State University, Fresno**

**Book Presentation-“Vahan Tekeyan: Selected Poems” (English and
Armenian)
“Vahan Tekeyan-Hadendir” (Armenian)
with guests Edmond Azadian, Dr. Arpi Sarafian, and Tamar Hovhannisyan**

The Armenian Studies Program is presenting two new books about famed Armenian poet Vahan Tekeyan (1878-1945) at a special event to be held at 7:30PM on Friday, September 19, in the University Business Center, Alice Peters Auditorium, Room 191, on the Fresno State campus.

The lecture is the second in the Fall Lecture Series of the Armenian Studies Program and is co-sponsored by the Tekeyan Cultural Association of Fresno. The Lecture Series is supported by the Leon S. Peters Foundation.

Author and literary critic Edmond Azadian, editor of the newly released “Vahan Tekeyan: Selected Poems,” will speak about the significance of the volume. “Vahan Tekeyan” was published as volume 5 in the Armenian Series, under the general editorship of Prof. Barlow Der Mugrdchian. The Armenian Series part of the The Press at California State University, Fresno.

At the presentation, Tamar Hovhannisyan of Carmel will discuss a second book, “Vahan Tekeyan-Hadendir” (in Armenian), also edited by Edmond Azadian.

Guest speaker Dr. Arpi Sarafian (California State University, Los Angeles) will speak about Vahan Tekeyan’s poetry.

Edmond Azadian has had a long career in journalism, as editor of *Arev* newspaper in Cairo, and has worked with *Baikar Armenian Daily* and the *Armenian Mirror-Spectator*. From 1972-2010 he served as the Director of the Armenian Affairs Department at the Alex and Marie Manoogian Foundation in Detroit, Michigan. He is the author of numerous books including *History on the Move* and *Portraits and Profiles*.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Free public parking is available after 7:00PM at Fresno State Lots P5 and P6, near the University Business Center.

For more information about the lecture please contact the Armenian Studies Program at 278-2669, or visit our website at www.fresnostate.edu/armenianstudies.