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14th anniversary of Zaki Nassif's death **and his music program continues to shine at AUB**

On the 14th anniversary of Zaki Nassif's death, the Zaki Nassif Program for Music at the American University of Beirut (AUB) is keen to remind the public in general and art professionals in particular, that since it was founded at AUB, in 2004, the Program has succeeded in preserving Zaki Nassif's musical heritage which consists of 1100 works. His archives, catalogued in Jafet Library, were donated by his heirs to AUB in 2008, making AUB the proprietor of the moral rights of Zaki Nassif's compositions.

The donation was followed by the signing of a cooperation agreement between AUB and the Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers of Music (SACEM) to patent and protect all the musical and literary works of Zaki Nassif.

Zaki Nassif was born on July 3, 1916 and died on March 11, 2004. He studied music between 1936 and 1941 at the AUB Institute of Music (1929-1949).

Zaki Nassif is one of the greatest composers in the history of Lebanon and has contributed effectively to the cultural renaissance of the young country in the middle of the 20th century.

Zaki Nassif's rich artistic heritage, effectively and professionally preserved at AUB, made the Zaki Nassif Program for Music an essential reference to researchers and to artistic and media professionals seeking accurate and comprehensive information about Zaki Nassif and his prolific output.

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About AUB

Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 900 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 9,100 students. AUB currently offers more than 120 programs leading to bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full-service 420-bed hospital.

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