

CULTURE OF THE AZERBAIJAN PEOPLE



Culture ... Folklore

- The classical music of Azerbaijan is called **mugam** and is usually a suite with **poetry** and instrumental interludes
- **UNESCO** proclaimed the Azerbaijani *mugam* tradition a **Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible H** on **November 7, 2003**.
- There are a number of Azerbaijani dances, these folk dances of the Azerbaijani people are old and extremely melodious. It has a very fast rhythm, so the dancer must have inherent skill



Culture... Opera, classic music, ballets

- Azerbaijan prides itself with having created the first opera of the Middle East - "**Leyli and Majnun**" (1908) by **Uzeyir Hajibeyov (1885-1948)**, which is based on the poetry of Nizami (1141-1209)
- The Azerbaijan State Theater of Opera and Ballet was built in 1910



1908 **Leyli and Majnun**
1910 Husband & Wife*
1911 Mashadi Ibad*
1913 **Arshin Mal Alan***
1915 Ashug Garib
1919 **Shah Ismayil**
1935 **Nargiz**
1937 **Koroglu**
1945 **Vatan** (Motherland)
1953 Sevil
1957 Azad
1960 Vagif
1972 Bridal Rock

Major Operas by Azerbaijani Composers:

Uzeyir Hajibeyov, Gara Garayev, Fikrat Amirov & others

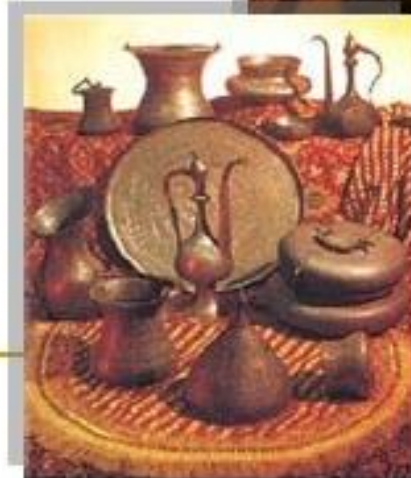
Culture..... Architecture

- Architecture went through many different stages over the centuries. Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower included in UNESCO World Heritage Site



Culture.....the decorative and applied art

- Azerbaijan is famous for its carpets. Carpet is one of the oldest and most traditional forms of art in Azerbaijan. You'll find two types of carpets: knotted and flat-weaved
- The form of antiquity is represented by a wide range of handicrafts, such as chasing, jeweler, engraving in metal, carving in wood, stone and bon



Azerbaijan Cuisine, Food

- Food is an important part of the country's culture and is deeply rooted in the history, traditions and values of the nation
- Azerbaijani cuisine has over 30 kinds of soups, including those prepared from plain yogurt. There is a wide variety of **kebabs** including lamb, beef, chicken, and fish (*baliq*) kebabs

I like:

- Plov
- Kababs
- Qutabs with Yogurt



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