

## Awet Terteryan - Biography -

The Armenian composer **Awet Terteryan** was born on 29 July 1929 in Baku, Azerbaijan and died 11 December 1994 in Yekaterinburg, Russia.

He had his first lessons of music when he was six years old. From 1948 to 1951 he visited the Advanced College of Music in Baku, and from 1951 to 1952 the College of Music in Yerevan. From 1952 to 1957 he studied with Edvard Mirzoyan at the Yerevan Conservatory, where he was appointed teacher of music theory between 1957 and 1959.

From 1963 to 1967 he conducted his 'aspirantura' with Mirzoyan. Since 1970 Terteryan has worked as a teacher of instrumentation at the Yerevan Conservatory, since 1978 as a lecturer and 1983 as a professor. He was member of the Composers' Union of Armenia, and as such he was involved in a large number of activities at the service of the Armenian Ministry of Culture.

In 1972 he was awarded the prize "Merited Artist of the Armenian SSR" and in 1977 the State Prize of the Armenian SSR. His music is formed in a synthetic manner from diverse materials such as Armenian "Sharakan" (hymns), free twelve-tone music, aleatoric devices and Xenakis-like blocks, often including parts for non-tempered folk instruments.