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The Stateless Diplomat: Diana Apar's Heroic Life

In celebration of International Women's Day, the Promise Armenian Institute at UCLA presents a special screening of "The Stateless Diplomat," featuring a conversation with director Mimi Malayan and historian Meline Mesropyan about the life and work of Diana Apar, the Honorary Consul to Japan of the short-lived First Republic of Armenia (1918-1920).

This event is co-sponsored by the Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies and the UCLA Center for the Study of Women.

Author, businesswoman, activist, humanitarian and diplomat, Diana Apar single-handedly rescued countless Armenian Genocide survivors, enabling them to start new lives thousands of miles from their homeland.

The film, **The Stateless Diplomat**, conveys the pivotal moments in Diana's life: her awakening to the Armenian cause, her spiritual vision prompting her into activism, her mental collapse and frustration as she foresaw the Genocide, and her endless humanitarian work, personally aiding thousands of Genocide survivors.

