



THE CHANTS OF OUR HEARTS

Football Narratives of Armenian Women

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-Hey, internet, who scored the most goals in international football?

-Cristiano Ronaldo has scored 118 goals in international football.

-What about Christine Sinclair? How many goals has she scored in international football?

-Christine Sinclair has scored 190 goals in international football.

-Well, then, who scored the most goals in international football?

-Cristiano Ronaldo has scored 118 goals in international football.

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ABSTRACT

This project explores the relationships between five Armenian women and football (soccer). I have conducted oral history interviews with each of them, discussing their love and passion for the sport. Based on these interviews, I have made a documentary film, where I, as the filmmaker, also get to share my stories. My goal with this project is to give women a platform to share their love for something that is frequently being invalidated or overlooked by society.

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NARRATORS

Armenia Women's National Team

Anyuta Galstyan

Defender

Teveen Aghababian

Forward



NARRATORS

Football Fans

Anaïd Mouratian
Henrieta Ghumashyan

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LITERATURE REVIEW

Standpoint Theory
Women and Sports



METHODOLOGIES

Narrative Research and
Oral History

Visual Anthropology and
Documentary Filmmaking

Self-Study

ARTIST STATEMENT

My final product is a documentary film based on oral history interviews conducted with five Armenian women (including myself). It is a representation of our love for football, the memories we have, and the connection we share through the sport.

The film starts with a montage of historic, memorable moments in football history to grab the viewer's attention. However, the main focus of the film is to highlight the unheard stories behind those moments. Stories that are frequently ignored or forgotten.

The Chants of Our Hearts is a film resembling a diary made up of stories that hope to shine a light on these women's experiences, give a new definition to football, and create bonds between the narrators and the viewer.



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<https://vimeo.com/843544183?share=copy>

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