

Araik Galstyan was born on March 31, 1975 in the Armenian town of Sisian, not far from the capital of Armenia, the city of Erevan. The magnificence of the Armenian landscape with its striking mountainous scenery, coupled its rich cultural heritage, meant that Araik was immersed in nature and art from an early age. He always felt an irresistible wish to work with the 'alive' material, which gave an opportunity to make a reality of the most miraculous abstractions and creative ideas.

One day whilst studying at Yerevan university of art and specializing in painting Araik gathered a cluster of flowers together in his hand and his love of nature took over. He put down the brush and replaced it with a flower knife knowing that creative floristry would be the artistic direction he would take.

There were the following steps in Araik's career after he graduated from the university:

1993 – 1996 – florist in 'Brabion Flora Service' flower company, Erevan, Armenia,
1999 – won a floral contest 'The flower of the World', Erevan, Armenia;

After almost ten years of work Araik decided to work in Moscow still being a citizen of Armenia:

2002 – 2003 – florist in 'Florina' company, Moscow, Russia,
2003 - till now – a leading florist and a general director of 'Avangard Studio' company,
2006 – 2007 and 2007 – 2008 – participated in 'Floral Art' project;
2007 – president of Armenian Florists Association;
2007 – megafinalist in REN TV program 'Supper-party'.

2007 – participated in professional floristic European contest 'Euro Cup 2007' in Slovenia
The time had come when Araik felt himself able to show what he could do in professional floristry and he went to Europa Cup held in Slovenia in 2007. He was on the 6th position in a Surprise work and on the 4th position in 'Flowers and architecture' work.

2008 – Araik shared his experience being a manager of one Armenian florist who took part in Europa Cup 2008 for juniors.

Araik prefers great projects in his work such as big celebrations, presentations, exhibitions and festivals. Here are some of them:

2007-till now – an official flower designer of one Sotheby's brunch.
2008 – an official flower designer at the Moscow Millionaires Fair.
2008 – publication of a book called 'Flower design without borders' with Araik's and many great florists' works.
2009 – an official flower designer at the 'Traditions and modernity' exhibition.
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"It's an artist's eternal longing to capture the transient beauty of flowers in a design," says Araik.