

On Sunday, April 14, the Magtymguly National Music and Drama Theater in Ashgabat was filled with special kind of tunes. The theater hosted a joint a capella concert by the American group Pipeline Vocal Project and students from the Turkmen State Special Music School named after Danatar Ovezov. Earlier, a similar a capella concert was held in Dashoguz by the American performers and the Dashoguz Special School of Arts named after Magtymguly Garlyyev. The performances were made possible through mutual cooperation between the U.S. Embassy and the Ministry of Culture of Turkmenistan.

“Tonight, we are bringing three dazzling performing artists from the far North West of the United States—from Alaska—the Pipeline Vocal Project,” said Ambassador Klimow as he opened the concert. “Many of the songs that they will perform are those that you know well—but they have some surprises for you! They will also celebrate the great Turkmen poet Magtymguly on the 300th anniversary of his birth”.

The joint concerts, which filled theatres in both Ashgabat and Dashoguz, complement the many years of active cultural cooperation between the two countries. Through this collaboration, audiences in Turkmenistan and the United States have had the opportunity to enjoy a variety of music, theater, visual and other arts, and American and Turkmen artists have enriched their craft through mutual exchange.