

**Darone Sassounian**  
(Rocky Hill)



# Artist Bio

Darone Sassounian is a DJ, producer, and compiler from Los Angeles. He runs the label, Rocky Hill. Sassounian focuses on bringing an array of sounds into the world - ranging from styles introduced to him at an early age, to sounds he sought after later on.

The name “Rocky Hill” is inspired by the neighborhood Sassounian was born and raised in. The neighborhood is a personal symbol of solace and safety, which correlates with the philosophy of the label. Varying in style, the label has a limitless viewpoint. Rocky Hill knows no boundaries, and its main purpose is to set out on an endless soul searching musical expedition.

Influenced by music made in the 70’s and 80’s, his goal is to approach contemporary audiences by clashing the old with the new. Styles ranging from disco, soul, jazz, international obscurities and vintage house, combined with his technical abilities, solidifying himself as a selector who fosters his roots and the community around him.

In 2021, Darone released the highly acclaimed compilation, “[Silk Road: Journey of the Armenian Diaspora: 1971 - 1982](#)” on Terrestrial Funk. The compilation came at a time where the world turned a blind eye to the aggression from Turkey and Azerbaijan, on Armenia in 2020. Sassounian had traveled for a few years in the Middle East, Europe, and North America to unearth rare and forgotten music from the Armenian Diaspora. The compilation garnered support from the likes of Gilles Peterson, Danilo Plessow, Palms Trax, Gerd Janson, Tim Sweeney, DJ Tennis, Floating Points, Habibi Funk, Byron The Aquarius, Skatebård, Laura Lee of Khruangbin, Fred Fades, DJ Boring, Dan Shake, and Bosq.

In 2021, Darone had some of his spoken word vocals featured on Danilo Plessow’s compilation for [Fabric](#). He also curated and hosted a virtual radio residency on DJ Tennis’s Life and Death Records to celebrate 10 years of the label. The residency was streamed on [Twitch](#) as an audio and visual experience.

In 2022, he began releasing his solo projects on his record label, [Rocky Hill](#). Darone Sassounian focuses on releasing music on his label that has no boundaries and no genre specifications. He focuses on releasing projects that have a rougher and rawer approach to house music, allowing him to express himself the best way he can without much pre-meditation. Sassounian also releases all of his work on vinyl. He believes that record labels must continue to manufacture vinyl and that DJs are responsible to promote music on vinyl.

Following up with the inception of his record label, Darone Sassounian sealed distribution deals with Clone Records. Sassounian also collaborates with the likes of Now - Again Records and Habibi Funk on licensing projects worldwide.

Sassounian has a monthly residency at Los Angeles venue, Club Tee Gee, since 2019. Curating and DJing Rocky Hill Residency nights with art director of the label, Arthur Kaplan and special guests. In Spring of 2023, Darone Sassounian began his online radio residency at Los Angeles’s highly acclaimed, [Dublab](#).

# Event Highlights



**A Club Called Rhonda  
(Rhondavous)**

**ATV Records**

**Baby's All Right**

**Bambino**

**Club Tee Gee**

**Gold Diggers (Heatwave)**

**Homage**

**Miami Sound**

**Rakastella**

**Splash House**

**Standard (Le Club)**

**Super Secret LA**

# Social



**Linktree**

**Instagram**

**Soundcloud**

**Bandcamp**

**Resident Advisor**

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## Featured Press

**Bandcamp**

**Forty Five Turns**

**In Sheep's Clothing**

**KCET**

**LA Daily News**

**SOM**

**The Ransom Note**



# PRESS PHOTOS

