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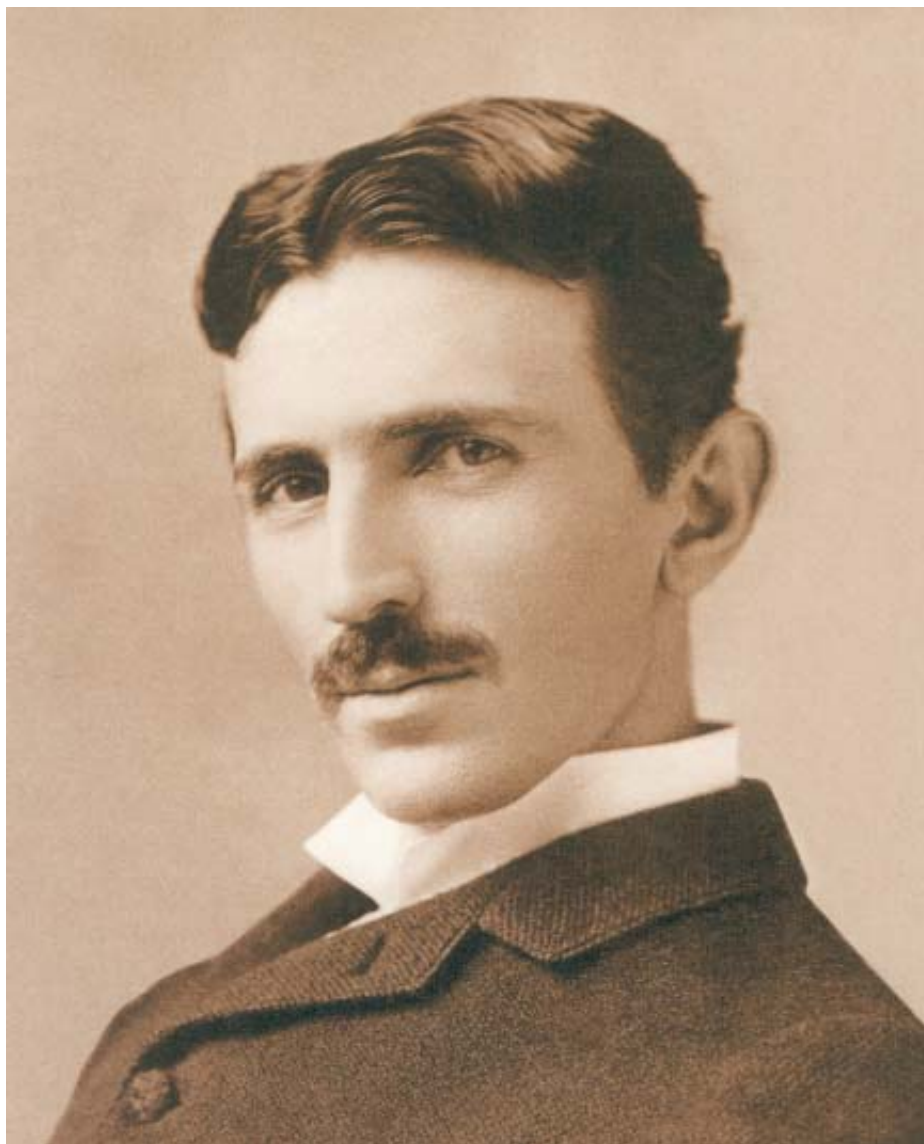
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# "A Tesla Evening" at Goethe-Institute Washington, D.C.

- "Tesla and Katharine" Dance Film
- Eulogy to Tesla made by New York City Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, January 10, 1943.



**Above: Nikola Tesla (1856-1943) at the age of 38.**



Katharine Johnson, wife of  
Tesla's friend, Robert Underwood  
Johnson.

# Tesla & Katharine

A Dance Film by Ljiljana Kojic-Bogdanovich

Starring:

Konstantin Kostyukov

Gordana Simic

The International Dance Co. Singidunum

Choreography:

Krunislav Simic

World Premiere:

Goethe Institut, Washington D.C. May 14th 2005 at 5.00 p.m.

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**"A Tesla Evening" was held in Goethe-Institute Washington, D.C. on May 14, 2005. The evening was organized by the Orfelin Circle, an organization devoted to Tesla's work and the promotion of art and culture. Mr. Branimir Bajic, founder of Orfelin Circle was present at the event.**



**Above: Director and producer of the dance film, "Tesla and Katharine",  
Ljiljana Kojic-Bogdanovich.**



**Above: Ambassador of Serbia and Montenegro, Hon. Ivan Vujacic**

**Among many prominent guests attending the evening was Ambassador of Serbia and Montenegro, Hon. Ivan Vujacic and his wife, Mrs. Jelica Vujacic. Also present, Mr. Nebojsa Cagorovic, Minister-Councilor of the the Embassy of Serbia and Montenegro.**

**The introduction of the evening was conducted by Dr. Ljubo Vujovic, Secretary General, Tesla Memorial Society of New York.**

**Following the introduction by Dr. Ljubo Vujovic was the showing of the dance film "Tesla and Katharine". Starring Konstantin Kostyukov, famous ballet dancer, with the International Ballet Company Singidunum, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro. Director and producer of this beautiful piece of art is Ljiljana Kojic-Bogdanovich. Choreographer Krunoslav Simic and Music by Piotr Tchaikovsky.**



**Above: Ambassador's wife, Mrs. Jelica Vujacic.**



**Above: Mr. Nebojsa Cagorovic, Minister-Councilor of the the Embassy of Serbia and Montenegro.**

## **"TESLA AND KATHARINE"**

**This is a ballet story about the private life of Nikola Tesla, one of the most significant scientists and inventors at the turn of the 19th century. The story is based on Tesla's correspondence with Katharine Johnson, the wife of Tesla's friend, Robert Underwood Johnson, an American poet, writer and editor of Century Magazine, a prestigious publication at that time.**

**The performance of ballet master Konstantin Kostyukov, with the International Ballet Company Singidunum, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro was excellent, depicting the romantic love and emotions of Tesla and Katharine.**

**On that beautiful evening, newly released audio materials broadcasted on New York Radio after Nikola Tesla's death was played to the audience. The Eulogy to Tesla delivered by New York City Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, and Tesla's favorite song "Tamo daleko" performed by violin genius Zlatko Balokovic was received with emotions by the audience.**

**The audio material with the voice of New York City Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia and violin by Zlatko Balokovic was found by the Tesla Memorial Society of New York after many years of searching. Ing. Djuro Grubisic, Dr. Ljubo Vujovic and Prof. Milica Novkovic found the audio recordings in the Archives of New York City.**



**Above: (Left to Right) Branimir Bajic, founder of Orfelin Circle, Ljiljana Kojic-Bogdanovich, Director and producer of Tesla dance film "Tesla and Katharine", Katarina Bogdanovich, co-author of the screenplay for the new Tesla dance film "Tesla and Katharine" and Dr. Ljubo Vujovic, Secretary General, Tesla Memorial Society of New York.**



## A Tesla Evening

### A Cultural Tribute to The Great Inventor:

- Introduction by Dr. Ljubo Vujovic, The President of Tesla Society, NY
- Newly Released Audio of Eulogy to Tesla by Mayor Laguardia
- Tesla & Katharine - a Dance Film directed by Ljiljana Kojic-Bogdanovich

**5PM, May 14 @ The Goethe-Institut Washington**

**812 Seventh Street, NW, Washington D.C.**

**Suggested Donation: \$20**

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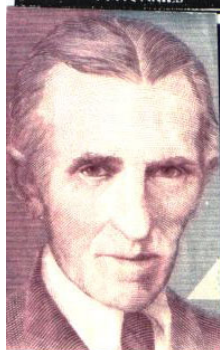
**Above: Mayor of the City of New York, Fiorello LaGuardia, delivered a eulogy to Tesla broadcast on New York Radio, January 10, 1943.**

# The New York Times

THE NEW YORK TIMES, JANUARY 13, 1943

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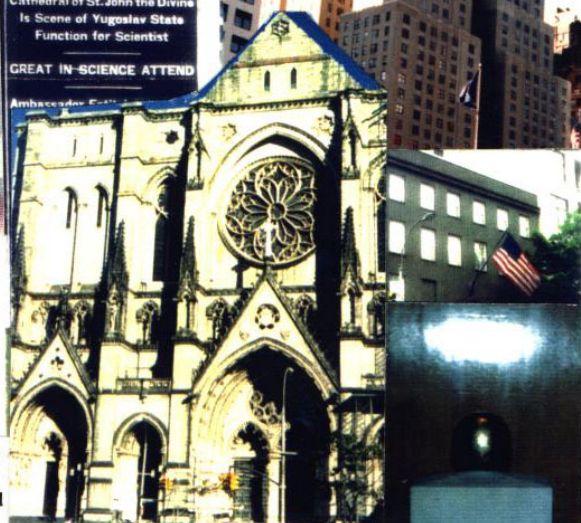
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Ambassador Felt...

...ent, as were his researches and discoveries in radiations, wireless streams and emanations.  
After his discovery of a system of transmission of power without wires and a high-potential magnifying transmitter, Tesla had been chiefly engaged—since 1884—in the development of a system of telegraphy and telephony, and designing a plant for the transmission of power without wires, to be erected at Niagara.

An error in 1908 Tesla made it known that he was experimenting with interplanetary communication. He firmly believed that most of the planets are inhabited and that messages could be sent between

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## Nikola Tesla Funeral

### Commemorative Ceremony

On January 10, 1943, over New York Radio

A commemoration after Nikola Tesla's death was broadcast on New York Radio, in January 1943. Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia delivered a eulogy to Tesla.

"Nikola Tesla was a great humanist, a distinguished scientific genius and a poet of science" said Mayor LaGuardia.

Famed Yugoslavian violinist Zlatko Balokovic and the Slovenian choir "Slovan" performed at the commemorative ceremony.

*Nikola Tesla* died on January 7, 1943 in the hotel New Yorker, New York City (Suite 3327)

His Remains were placed on view at the Frank I. Campbell Funeral Home in Manhattan.

A state funeral was held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, in New York City. 2000 people paid respect to *Tesla*. The Pallbearers were Nobel prize winners. Telegrams of condolence were received from many notables including the first lady, Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt and Vice-President Wallace. The eulogy was given by Mayor LaGuardia of New York City. The New York Times praised *Tesla* as the father of radio and the System of electrical transmission.

*Tesla* was cremated at Fenclyff cemetery in Ardsley on Hudson, New York.

His ashes were interred in a golden sphere on permanent display at the *Tesla* Museum in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

By: Dr. Ljubo Vujovic and  
Ing. Djuro Grubisic



**Above: The Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, New York City, the place where Michael Pupin and Nikola Tesla had funeral services.**



Tesla Funeral on January 12, 1943.  
Tesla casket at St. John the Divine Cathedral  
in New York City, covered with flags of the United  
States and Yugoslavia.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1943.

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### GREAT IN SCIENCE ATTEND

Ambassador Fotitch Heads the  
Procession of Mourners—  
Bishop Manning Assists

Inventors, Nobel Prize winners,  
leaders in the electrical arts, high  
officials of the Yugoslav Govern-

ment, and others were present at the funeral of Nikola Tesla, which was held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City on Tuesday night.

Many telegrams were received from officials of the United States Government, prominent scientists, literary men and many others. These included messages from Mrs. Roosevelt, on behalf of herself and the President; Vice President Henry A. Wallace, Professors Robert A. Millikan, Arthur H. Compton and James Franck, all Nobel Prize winners in physics; Professor William Lyon Phelps of Yale, Jean Piccard and Major Gen. J. O. Mauborgne, U.S.A., retired.

Mrs. Roosevelt's message read: "The President and I are deeply sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Nikola Tesla. We are grateful for his contribution to science and industry and to this country."

ment and of New York, and men and women who attained distinction in many other fields paid tribute yesterday to Nikola Tesla, father of radio and of modern electrical generation and transmission systems, at an impressive funeral service in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

The service, conducted in Serbian by prominent priests of the Serbian Orthodox Church, was opened and closed by Bishop William T. Manning, assisted by Father Edward West, Sacrist of the Cathedral. The Serbian Orthodox Office for the Dead was said by the Very Rev. Dushan Shoukietovich, rector of the Serb Orthodox Church of St. Sava, who officiated in the name of the Serbian Orthodox Church in America.

#### City Is Represented

More than 2,000 persons attended the service. The city was represented by Newbold Morris, President of the City Council, who headed the list of honorary pallbearers. Other honorary pallbearers included Dr. Ernest F. W. Alexanderson of the General Electric Company, inventor of the Alexanderson alternator; Professor Edwin H. Armstrong of Columbia University, inventor of frequency modulation and many other important radio devices; Dr. Harvey C. Rentschler, director of the research laboratories, Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company; Gano Dunn, president of the J. G. White Engineering Corporation; Colonel Henry Breckenridge, Dr. Branko Cubrilovich, Yugoslav Minister of Agriculture and Supply; Consul General D. M. Stanoyevitch of Yugoslavia and Professor William H. Barton, curator, Hayden Planetarium.

#### Fotitch Heads Procession

The funeral service was held as an official State function of the Yugoslav Government, which was officially represented by Constan-

Vice President Wallace's message read as follows:

"Nikola Tesla, Yugoslav born, so lived his life as to make it an outstanding sample of that power which makes the United States not merely an English-speaking nation but a nation with universal appeal. In Nikola Tesla's death the common man loses one of his best friends."

#### Scientists Pay Tribute

Drs. Millikan, Compton and Franck paid tribute to Tesla as one of the world's outstanding intellects, who paved the way for many of the important technological developments in modern times.

Among the many floral offerings was a wreath from King Peter II of Yugoslavia; the Royal Yugoslav Government, Ambassador Fotitch and many Yugoslav societies.

Chief mourner was Sava Kosanovich, nephew of Dr. Tesla and president of the Eastern and Central European Planning Board, representing Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Greece.

The body was taken to Ferncliffe Cemetery, Ardsley, N. Y., where it will be in the receiving vault until plans are completed.

#### CAPT. EDWARD B. WINN

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Jan. 12 (AP)—Captain Edward B. Winn, United States Army Finance Officer at the San Juan departmental headquarters, died yesterday at the age of 52.

Other obituaries on preceding page.

**French**

NEW CLASSES TODAY

FRENCH — Wednesday, 6 to 8 p. m.  
 SPANISH — Wednesday, 7 to 9 p. m.  
 ITALIAN — Wed. & Fri., 8 p. m.

**BERLITZ** 630 Fifth Ave. Cl. 6-1416  
 SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES  
 Rockefeller Center (at 50th St.)  
 Same classes in Brooklyn, 66 Court St.