

# 13TH TESLA SPIRIT CONFERENCE

## Building Bridges on Tesla's Legacy

JANUARY.11.2025 | NEW YORKER HOTEL | NEW YORK

08:30 am Registration

09:00 am Welcome note: [Nikola Loncar](#), Tesla Science Foundation

09:05am Opening Note: Arno Gujon, Office for Public and Cultural Diplomacy, Government of the Republic of Serbia (TBC)

09:20am Letter to Tesla from Homeland, Video by [Rada Komazec](#), Jedinstvo, (Serbia)

### 1st PANEL: Tesla as an Inspiration to Develop a Culture of Science in Educational Settings

**Moderator:** [Ashley Redfearn](#), American Paradigm Schools (USA)

#### Panelists:

09:30am [Dr. Aleksandar Ignjatovic](#), Pertini Toys (Serbia)  
[Eden Jolliffe](#), Wildthings Preserve (USA) (TBC)  
[Todd Smith](#), Tacony Academy Charter School (USA) (TBC)  
[Naimah Wimberly](#), Tacony Academy Charter School (USA)  
[Danica Buinjac](#), Nikola Tesla International Charter School (USA)  
[Jeff Dobkin](#), American Society of Inventors (USA)  
[Prof. Dr. Philip Baldwin](#), Stony Brook University (USA)

10:30am BREAK

10:45am [Prof. Dr. Kristen Iversen](#), University of Cincinnati (USA), "Nikola Tesla in Colorado"

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## 2nd PANEL: Cultural Diplomacy Through Art & Technology

**Moderator:** [Jelena Ivanjac](#), Marketing Lab (USA)

**Panelists:**

[Milica Savic](#), Tesla Science Foundation (Serbia)

[Stan Watts](#), Atlas Bronze Casting (USA)

[Andrey Sledkov](#), Atlas Bronze Casting (USA)

[Dr Nada Martinovic](#), USDHS (USA)

[Ana Maria Gower](#), Tesla Science Foundation (USA)

[Brian Yetzer](#), Yetzer Studio (USA)

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11:15am

12:00pm

Jovana Nedic, First Counselor, The Embassy of Republic of Serbia in USA

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12:15pm

BREAK

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## 3rd PANEL: Tesla at Home - Supporting Innovations in Serbia

**Moderator:** [Srdjan Sotirov](#), Tesla Science Foundation Serbia

**Panelists:**

01:15pm

[Danijela Vucicevic](#), The Center for the Promotion of Science (Serbia)

[Branislava Simanic](#), Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Serbia

[Milica Selakovic](#), Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Serbia

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01:45pm

[Dr. Saurav Agrawal](#), Economic Council of India, (India), "Instilling Peace Led Sustainable Co-development, Co-existence, Toleration and Non-violence"

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02:05am

BREAK

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## 4th PANEL: Cultural Diplomacy Through Tesla Clubs

**Moderator:** [Maja Cvetkovic Sotirov](#), Tesla Science Foundation Serbia

**Panelists:**

2:15pm

[Dijana Peric](#), Serbian Cultural Center, San Diego (USA)

[Vesna Jovanovic](#), Serbian Cultural Center, San Diego (USA)

[Snjezana Adamovic](#), Serbian Cultural Center Nikola Tesla, Detroit (USA)

[Margareta Sekulovic](#), Elementary School "St. Sava", Pozerevac (Serbia)

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**Panel program:**  
Drama: "Nikola Tesla's Road" by Serbian Cultural Center, San Diego (USA)  
Video, Elementary School "Banovic Strahinja", Belgrade (Serbia)  
Video, Elementary School "Desanka Maksimovic", Belgrade (Serbia)  
Video, Elementary School "St. Sava", Pozarevac (Serbia)  
Video, School of Serbian Language and Culture, Serbian Cultural Center, San Diego (USA)  
Essay reading, "Why Did Tesla Use Cyrilic Alphabet", Lara Karalic, Banja Luka (Bosnia & Hercegovina)

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**02:15pm**

**5h PANEL: Expanding the programs**  
Vlada Vlastic, Vlada's Seeds of Life, (USA)  
Suzana Mihajlovic, Elite Performance & Success Coach, (Australia)

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**Tesla Spirit Award Ceremony**  
Children's Choir "St. Sava", Cleveland, OH (USA)

- Deda i unuk, Serbian song
- Krsna Slava, Serbian song

Ballet: "*Wireless Lights*," by Ballet Academy of St. Petersburg, (USA)  
Dr. Dusanka Ivanova, Choreographer  
Sophie Ivanova, Ballerina

**04:30pm**

Traditional song played on gusle  
Zivko Stijovic (USA)  
Savo Urukalo (USA)

Dance from Eastern Serbia  
Children's Dance Group "Opancici", New York, NY (USA)  
Dragomir Vukovic, Choreographer  
Nikola Koprivica, Artistic Director  
Milan Majstorovic, Accompanist

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**05:00pm** Final thoughts and good night!

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\*The organizer reserves the right to change the program due to unforeseen circumstances.

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