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**BENEFIT SCREENINGS TO HELP NIKOLA TESLA'S
LAST LABORATORY AFTER FIRE**

Two Documentaries that Explore forgotten Long Island History

Following a recent tragedy, local event organizers aim to help the Tesla Science Center at Wardenclyffe recover from a near-catastrophic blaze that happened in November of 2023. As a result, two Nikola Tesla-themed documentaries by award-winning Long Island filmmaker Joseph Sikorski will screen for charity at the Cinema Arts Centre in Huntington this September 13 and October 4, 2024. Start times for both are 7pm, and each will feature a Q/A session with the filmmaker along with special guests.

The event on September 13, 2024 will feature the film *INVISIBLE THREADS: From Wireless to War* which delves into the early development of wireless communication on the eve of WWI that connected inventors Nikola Tesla and Guglielmo Marconi to a shadowy radio station in West Sayville, NY called Telefunken. As they all competed for radio supremacy, Telefunken was using their plant to send nefarious communications to Germany. Among the suspected subterfuge was information that led to the sinking of the Lusitania. Over ten years of research uncovers new links to Telefunken's role as a communications hub for an international spy ring that was engaged in subversion and sabotage. Posing as a legitimate business, the station's violations of neutrality went unnoticed by the US Navy. The film also sheds new light on the three-way patent struggle between Marconi, Tesla and Telefunken's Atlantic Communication Company during a time of war. The legal fight mirrored the world conflict, as each party held roots in one of the battle's more affected regions. Though mostly set on Long Island, *INVISIBLE THREADS*, narrated by Tony Todd (*Candy Man*, *The Rock*), also features hero Charles Emory Apgar, who helped expose un-neutral messages emanating from Telefunken in 1915 through a homebuilt wireless system.

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The event on October 4, 2024 will feature Sikorski's previous documentary *TOWER TO THE PEOPLE - Tesla's Dream at Wardenclyffe*. Present for the post-screening Q&A will be special guest Jane Alcorn, who founded the Tesla Science Center at Wardenclyffe's museum effort and is highlighted in the film. *TOWER TO THE PEOPLE*, which was selected for the Core Collection of the **Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences**, focuses on Nikola Tesla's time on Long Island, where he hoped to send free wireless energy to any point on earth. It also details the preservation effort that saved the historic site in 2012, led by a historic crowdfunding campaign.

Ironically, in April of 2023, the Tesla Science Center at Wardenclyffe had broken ground on renovating the inventor's laboratory, just prior to the tragic fire that would happen that November. Though severely damaged, the exterior brick facade remains in tact, and efforts are ongoing to restore the laboratory to its historic state. The building was designed by renowned Gilded Age architect Stanford White in 1901.

The Cinema Arts Centre in Huntington has donated the space for the screenings to help a fellow important site on Long Island in its time of need. By attending the screening(s), organizers promise that *theater-goers will both learn the history AND help preserve it*. Tickets for both events are \$25.

BENEFIT SCREENING 1:

INVISIBLE THREADS: From Wireless to War

Followed by Q&A with filmmaker Joseph Sikorski and Tesla Science Center at Wardenclyffe's Marc Alessi

SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 at 7pm

Cinema Arts Centre • 423 Park Ave • Huntington, NY
Tickets \$25

Ticket Link: <https://InvisibleThreadsFilm.com/events>

BENEFIT SCREENING 2:

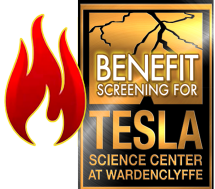
TOWER TO THE PEOPLE: Tesla's Dream at Wardenclyffe

Followed by Q&A with filmmaker Joseph Sikorski and Tesla Science Center at Wardenclyffe's Jane Alcorn

OCTOBER 4, 2024 at 7pm

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