

Filmmaker illuminates mad 'genius' and his lab

By Catherine Toor



Babylon filmmaker Joseph Sikorski's latest screenplay, "Fragments from Olympus – The Vision of Nikola Tesla," has not only won the [Long Island Film Festival's 2010 Black Tie Screenplay Competition](#), but it also shines light on the possible sale of the 15 building, 15.60 acre, 110,825 square-foot Shoreham property that scientist Nikola Tesla used to call his [Wardencllyffe](#) laboratory.

"Nikola Tesla invented all of these incredible things, but never got any credit," said Sikorski, who, with longtime collaborator Michael Calomino, researched Tesla for 10 years before writing the screenplay. "We're trying to get this guy's story told."

According to Sikorski, Tesla – who over time has been credited with inventing AC power systems, television, radio and radar – first got the property in 1906 when famed financier J.P. Morgan agreed to build him a laboratory to connect the world's stock exchanges. Instead, Tesla worked with the main goal of providing the world with free wireless electricity. When Morgan found out about Tesla's intention, he stopped financing the lab, forcing Tesla to sell Wardencllyffe.

The property also includes an office designed by famed architect Stanford White, who Sikorski predicts ran in the same New York social circles as Tesla.

"We're going to lose this valuable piece of history," said Sikorski, who describes Tesla as a "crazy genius" and supports the preservation of the Shoreham property, which is owned by the AGFA corporation. Corporate Realty Services in Hauppauge lists Wardencllyffe at \$1.65 million.

"Fragments from Olympus – The Vision of Nikola Tesla" is in pre-production.

"I think this movie will benefit everyone," Sikorski said.