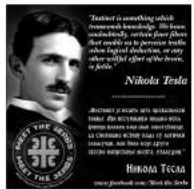


Famous Serbs



NIKOLA TESLA, was a Serbian-American inventor, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, physicist, and futurist who is best known for his contributions to the design of the modern alternating current electricity supply system. He was born as the son of a priest of the Serbian Orthodox Church. It's well known that Nikola Tesla discovered alternating current and that he researched the magnetic fields and earth's energy. It is less known that he believed in time travel and the possibility to communicate with other worlds.



MIHAJLO PUPIN, a world renowned scientist who won the Pulitzer prize and significantly improved the telephone technology, arrived to the United States with only five cents in his pocket. He was among the founders of an organization that later grew into the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration – NASA. A Moon crater was also named after him.



IVO ANDRIĆ, Serbian (Yugoslav) novelist, diplomat and winner of the Nobel Prize for literature, was born 9. October 1892. He was the Nobel Prize winner for Literature in 1961 for his novel "The Bridge on the Drina". Ivo Andrić was a member of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts.



RADOMIR PUTNIK, a Serbian Field Marshal and Chief of General Staff in the Balkan Wars and World War I, died on 17. May 1917. In 1918. Canadians gave the name Putnik to a mountain located near the province of Alberta, paying tribute to the Chief of the Supreme Command of the Serbian Army (Field marshal (Vojvoda), Radomir Putnik (1847-1917)).



MILEVA MARIĆ EINSTEIN, December 19, 1875, was a Serbian mathematician, Albert Einstein's first wife, one of the most genius people of 20th century. There are claims that she contributed to Einstein's early works, but the degree of her participation in the findings is unknown and is the subject of numerous debates.



NOVAK ĐOKOVIĆ, is the first Serbian professional tennis player to be ranked No. 1 by the ATP and the first male player representing Serbia to win a Grand Slam singles title. Novak Djoković, who became the Number 1 tennis player in the world in 2011, secured his place in the history of this sport after a series of 41 wins and three Grand Slam titles in one year.



VLADE DIVAC, is a Serbian professional basketball executive and former player. One of the first European players who made it big in the NBA league was a young man from Serbia who stepped into the history of world's basketball. Currently serving as the vice president of basketball operations general manager of the Sacramento Kings.



EMIR KUSTURICA, a Serbian filmmaker, actor and musician, recognized for several internationally acclaimed feature films, was born on November 24, 1954. He is a two-time winner of the Palme d'Or at Cannes and a Commander of the French "Ordre des Arts et des Lettres".



NICHOLAS JAMES VUJIČIĆ is a Serbian-Australian Christian evangelist and motivational speaker born with tetra-amelia syndrome, a rare disorder characterized by the absence of arms and legs. He is one of the seven known surviving individuals planet-wide who live with the syndrome.

Serbian Heritage



SLAVA is an exclusively Serbian Orthodox tradition of celebrating one's family patron saint and is celebrated annually. This tradition is an important part of Serbian identity. Before the Christianization, the Serbs believed in many gods and each household had its patron god whom the family venerated. This custom later became part of Serbian Orthodox faith, Slava is passed on from father to son, while women inherit the patron saint of their husbands upon leaving their families.



KOLO, Serbian dance is an old tradition and a strong element in the Serbian culture. The traditional dances are of social function, bringing the community and families together at various important days such as weddings, Christmas or Easter.

In 2017 The traditional Serbian dance Kolo has been included in UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.



The **GUSLE** is the most popular among folk instruments. Epic poems sung by the "gusle" player are accompanied by the sound of the instrument.



The **FRULA** is made around Serbia mostly by shepherds who, beside village gatherings, mostly played for themselves.

Serbian Cuisine



Čevapi or **čevapčići** is a grilled dish of minced meat, a type of skinless sausage, found traditionally in the countries of southeastern Europe (the Balkans).



Pljeskavica a grilled dish of spiced meat patty mixture of pork, beef and lamb, is a national dish of Serbia. It is a main course served with onions, kajmak (milk cream), ajvar (relish), and urnebes (spicy cheese salad), either on a plate with side dishes, or with lepinja ...



Traditional Serbian way prepared BBQ pork or lamb (jagnjeće i praseće pečenje)

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Serbian Community History



The Serbian Orthodox Church "St. Simeon Mirotocivi" in Calgary is part of the Serbian Orthodox Church – Diocese of Canada and has a history of almost half a century. It all began in 1960 when the Circle of Sisters was established. Driven by the desire to have a Serbian Church in Calgary, this active group of people started raising funds solely for that purpose by organizing various events. Church has significantly supported Children's Hospital by donations for number of years. They also supported other community programs like Meals on Wheels by allowing them to use Church parking lot for food distribution.

Later, the Church-School Congregation was formed and for forty years a small chapel grew into much bigger Church. Our newly built Serbian Orthodox Church "St. Simeon Mirotocivi" was consecrated on April 27, 2014.



2014 was the year of inaugurating our new church – the largest Serbian Orthodox church in Canada. This was an important milestone for our community as we moved from our long-time address in Marda Loop to our new 6000 square foot church and hall. The new property is surrounded by magnificent nature with walkways, a pond, and several soccer fields – all together registered as the "Serbian Gardens". This is the home of a future cultural-sports center and heritage building. The church is a proud host of the annual Serbian Festival, a popular event, showcasing the rich history of our culture, delicious Serbian food, and traditional dances, representing a true celebration of Canada's multiculturalism. The growing Serbian community has various organizations that support and significantly contribute to the success of Serbian Festival: Circle of Serbian Sisters, Serbian School St. Sava, Cultural Society Frula, Soccer Academy of Serbia, Ravna Gora Serbian Heritage Society, Calgary Tesla Society, The U of C Serbian Club and humanitarian organizations "Krajina Society" and "Serbs for Serbs".

Community Engagement

The Serbian community in Calgary shares a social responsibility with other members of the public to support those in need, and provide other assistance for people when we can. Some of our recent community involvement includes; a voting station for the provincial election in the church hall, collaboration with the Okotoks Soccer Academy, volunteer clean-up during the High River floods, and donations to the Red Cross for Fort McMurray Fire Relief. www.svetisimeon.org

SD Serbia Soccer club & Soccer Academy, based in Calgary AB, has been founded in 2009. Since the beginning, a number of teams have been successfully taking a part in competitions in various Calgary leagues including tier 1, tier A, and/or tournaments throughout the province, where they have been taking numerous prizes and medals. SD Serbia is a non-profit organization focused on children development through practicing and playing soccer. www.sdserbia.com

Ravna Gora The Serbian Heritage Society was founded on March 15, 2003, in Calgary. RGSHS works as a non-profit organization that is promoting true Serbian history and making sure it's not forgotten. Their goal is also to show Serbian culture and tradition to non-Serbian people. RGSHS is promoting and preserving the legacy of General Draza Mihailovic and all Serbian Chetniks. RGSHS unveiled the plaque to commemorate Field Marshal Putnik on a mountain named after him. Mount Putnik is a mountain located north of Three Isle Creek and west of the Kananaskis River in Peter Lougheed Provincial Park Alberta, Canada.

Serbs for Serbs - charity organization, united by the common vision of helping families blessed by many children and who are aware of the fact that even a small help means a lot for those who don't live in a material excess. The Serbs for Serbs network has collected over 2.5M euros and helped 1,800 families and 11,000 children throughout the Balkan during the last 13 years. www.serbsforserbs.org

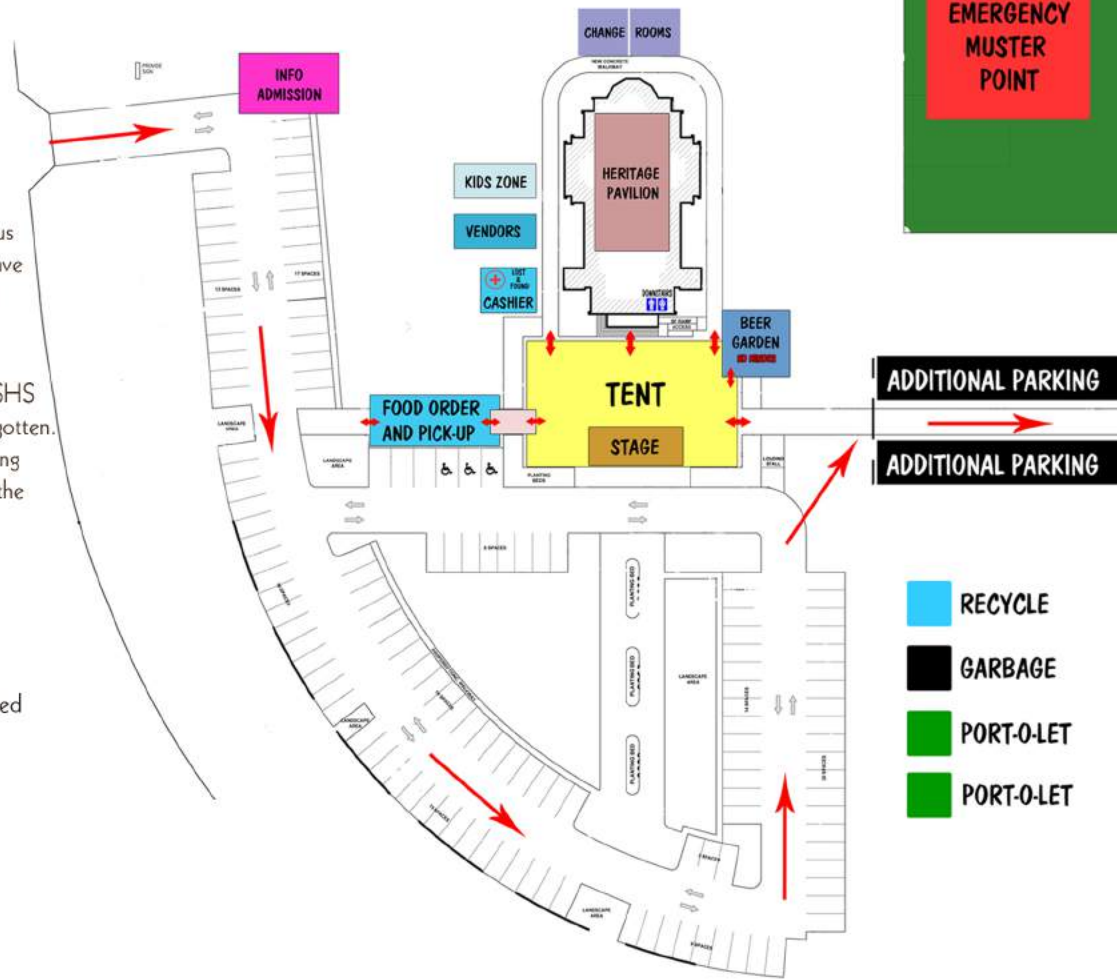
Serbian Cultural Society Frula was established in 2009 and since then, it continues to operate as a non-profit organization. The Society uses various forms of artistic expression including folk dancing, music and theatrical charm to preserve and promote Serbian culture. Frula is comprised of six dance groups of various ages and three vocal groups. Frula members have travelled and participated in many festivals organized in the city of Calgary as well as other cities across North America. Serbian folklore was well known in Calgary in past 40 years with its contribution and promotion of Serbian culture and heritage. They performed at Heritage Days in Calgary from 1985-1991, Calgary Stampede 1985-1989, Vancouver Expo 1986, Calgary Olympic Games 1988. www.frula.ca

The Tesla Society in Calgary is a non-profit, non-political, volunteer, membership only organization. The purpose of the Society is to honor the memory of the great scientist and inventor Nikola Tesla and to educate and promote broader public awareness of his accomplishments. The society established the Tesla Award, which is presented every year to the most innovative research project team at the University of Calgary. Other major activities are Tesla Tribute Night event and presentations about Nikola Tesla's life and achievements at post-secondary schools. www.teslasociety.ca

Members of the Serbian Club provide students at the University of Calgary with an opportunity to learn, engage and appreciate the Serbian culture. They aim to provide support to the growing Serbian-Canadian community by participating at the Church fundraising events and building projects. The ultimate goal of the Serbian Club is to share Serbian unique and diverse culture with fellow students.

Krajina Society is humanitarian organization operates under church for past 15 years with ultimate goal to provide aid for underprivileged families in need in the community and in homeland and significantly helping the Church in its expansion and future development projects.

Serbian Fest Map



Future Development



Serbian Fest Mission and Vision:

To provide the citizens of Calgary and MD Foothills an educational, inclusive and entertaining annual festival raising the profile of Serbian Community by showcasing the rich Serbian cultural heritage through the arts, cuisine, entertainment and true hospitality. Serbian Fest is organized by the St. Simeon Mirocovi Serbian Orthodox Church, a non-profit organization promoting Serbian culture and heritage.



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Serbian organizations supporting Serbian Fest:
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"Krajina Society" Calgary
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