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## **Vint Cerf, a "Father of the Internet," Joins Tesla Science Center's Efforts to Improve Lives through Science as Honoree of the Nonprofit's Virtual Gala**

October 26, 2020 - SHOREHAM, NY - Tesla Science Center at Wardenclyffe (TSCW) will host its 2nd Annual Global Gala, "Light the Night through Science," with Honoree Vint Cerf to raise awareness and funds for TSCW programs that improve lives through science. The Gala will be held online Friday, October 30, 2020 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm ET and features entertainment, including music by rock band They Might Be Giants; networking rooms; and online auction of tech and Tesla-related gifts, art, and memorabilia.

Vint Cerf is considered "One of the Fathers of the Internet" for his work in the design and implementation of the Internet's basic communications protocols. He pioneered computer technology and networking at IBM, MCI, and Google. Cerf is an advocate for the hearing impaired and STEAM education. As Gala Honoree, Cerf serves to highlight the importance of TSCW programs and the need to educate and empower people to solve modern challenges through innovation and collaboration.

"Nikola Tesla is considered 'The Father of Electricity' and Vint Cerf is a 'Father of the Internet' because their work in these areas transformed our lives for the better," said Marc Alessi, Executive Director at TSCW. "This Gala is bringing together people who want to honor what Vint Cerf and Tesla did for humanity and help us continue efforts to build a global science center where the Teslas and Cerfs of today can innovate, where everyone can find education and inspiration." Alessi explained that the pandemic created a critical need for virtual education and TSCW is meeting that need by providing online programs for all ages. These include virtual STEAM programs for youth and teens; a Virtual Education Certification program for teachers in partnership with New York Institute of Technology; Tesla Unwired worldwide webcasts on timely tech topics; global virtual events; and more.

Innovation and STEAM are also reflected in TSCW's Gala entertainment program which features music by renowned alternative rock band and science advocates They Might Be Giants; ArcAttack, who use Tesla coils and electricity to create music; the Mano Divina orchestral ensemble with master theremin player; celebrity magician Simon Pierro; and demonstrations by Greg Leyh, principal engineer of Lightning on Demand and builder of the world's largest Tesla coils.

Business leaders focused on technology and STEAM are partnering with TSCW as Gala Sponsors for opportunities to engage with Vint Cerf, submit a video for global broadcast, network with tech leaders, and gain global exposure. Full details on TSCW Global Gala Sponsorships are available at: <https://teslasciencecenter.org/partnerships/>

### **About Tesla Science Center at Wardenclyffe (TSCW)**

TSCW is a non-profit 501(c) organization with a mission to develop the site of Nikola Tesla's last remaining laboratory into a transformative global science center that embraces his bold spirit of invention, provides innovative learning experiences, fosters the advancement of new technologies, and preserves his legacy in the Tesla Museum. Contact TSCW at (631) 886-2632 or [info@teslasciencecenter.org](mailto:info@teslasciencecenter.org) or [teslasciencecenter.org](http://teslasciencecenter.org).

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