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## A CELEBRATION OF SERBIAN MUSIC & DANCE

Saturday, September 17, 2005, 3 pm  
MIT - Kresge Auditorium  
Cambridge, MA  
\$20 General Admission, \$15 Students

A Celebration of Serbian Music and Dance will include musically and visually captivating performances by 100 dancers, singers and musicians:

**THE TEOFILOVICH BROTHERS** Belgrade, Serbia  
**OPLENATS** Folk Dance Ensemble and Orchestra, Mississauga, Ontario  
**KIR STEFAN THE SERB CHOIR** Toronto, Ontario  
**GRACHANITSA** Serbian Folk Dance Ensemble, Boston, Massachusetts

**TEOFILOVICH BROTHERS.** The much-celebrated twin brothers are arguably the most famous performers of ancient music from the Balkans. Their music transcends more than two centuries of traditional musical heritage and evokes the spirit of the entire region. During their fifteen year long career they have toured worldwide, including their most recent performances at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC and the Hall of Honor of Canada's Parliament in Ottawa, Canada. This is their second Boston appearance.

**OPLENATS** Serbian Cultural Association. Established in 1987 to promote and maintain Serbian cultural heritage in Canada, Oplenats will present their Folk Dance Ensemble and Orchestra. The Folk Dance Ensemble established themselves as one of the leading traditional dance groups in North America. Their accomplishments include multiple performances for dignitaries and royalty, both in Canada and abroad, four First Prize Awards at the Kiwanis International Festival, and first place at the 2001 and 2004 Toronto's CHIN Radio International Picnic Competition. This is their first Boston performance.

**KIR STEFAN THE SERB CHOIR** was formed under the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church five years ago in Toronto, Canada, and has already gained a reputation as one of the best choirs performing classical and traditional music in the country. The majority of the members are recent emigrants from the former Yugoslavia who formerly sang in the world-renowned choirs of their homeland.

**GRACHANITSA** Serbian Folk Dance Ensemble. Five years ago a group of folk enthusiasts from the Boston area started exploring the rich heritage of folk dancing and music from different parts of the former Yugoslavia. Its members hail from the Balkan region, the United States, Canada, and France. Today, and some 30 performances later, Grachanitsa has become known throughout the Northeast for its original choreographies, elaborate costumes, polished style, and attention to detail.

The event is sponsored by the MIT Organization of Serbian Students and is made possible through generous contributions from the MIT Graduate Student Council and the Serbian-American Alliance of New England (SANE). All proceeds will go toward the Our Children Fund, a non-profit organization helping war orphans in the Balkans.

MIT's Kresge Auditorium is located at 48 Massachusetts Ave. (in the rear) Cambridge, MA 02139-4307. For more details, please go to <http://whereis.mit.edu/bin/map?mapterms=kresge+auditorium>

For more information, please visit:

Serbian-American Alliance for New England: <http://www.sane-boston.org>

Our Children Fund: <http://www.nasasrbija.org>

The Teofilovich Brothers: <http://www.teofilovici.co.yu>