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Forget about naked Last Suppers and cross-sectioned cows: here's a show that takes shock value literally. Raw electrical current flows through sculptures inspired by the work of Nikola Tesla, a pioneer of high-voltage electricity, who died in destitute obscurity. In addition to an electrified fence (the grid has never looked more menacing), the show includes a "ladder" of electrical currents bouncing between a pair of copper rods. Black-and-yellow hazard tape keeps viewers out of harm's way, but the ear-splitting and heart-stopping crackle of voltage keeps the danger palpable. Through Nov. 28. (Location One, 26 Greene St. 334-3347.)



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