



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ASTRONOMY 2009



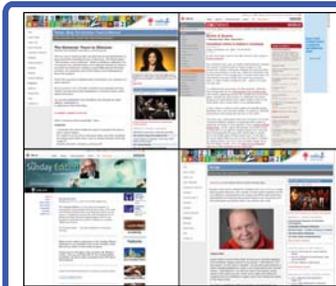
THE UNIVERSE: YOURS TO DISCOVER

On The Eve Of IYA2009 In Canada

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Local events organized by astronomy clubs, colleges and universities across Canada will softly launch IYA on Saturday, 10 January and begin building awareness of opportunities for every Canadian to experience a 'Galileo Moment' in 2009. The launch typifies our 'grass roots' philosophy based upon our strong partnership of amateurs and professionals which already represents an IYA legacy. Image exhibits drawing upon material generated by Canadian astronomers and artists, as well as from the IAU Cornerstones, FETTU and TWAN, are opening in science centres, malls and airports early in 2009.

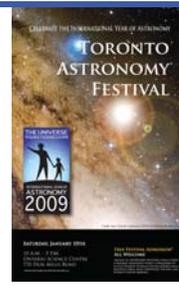
Launching IYA 2009 in Canada



CBC Radio IYA Coverage



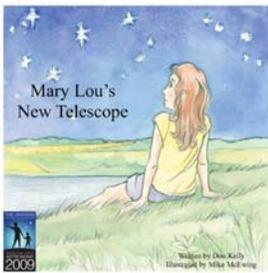
Science & Tech Museum
Muin: The Celestial Bear



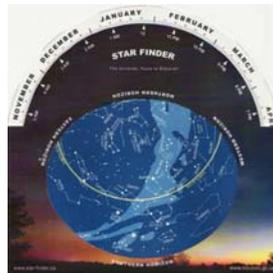
Toronto Astronomy Festival
at the Ontario Science Centre



Events across Canada on
January 10th, 2008



"Mary Lou's New Telescope"
Book on Light Pollution



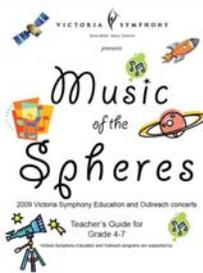
Star Finders



Music of the Spheres
by Tafelmusik



Sidewalk Astronomer's
Handbook



Victoria Symphony Education
Concerts Teacher's Guide



"Galileo Moment" Astronomy Trading Cards



Gemini Imaging Contest
for High School Students

January 10th Events

- IYA 2009 Kick Off Party - Sechelt, BC
- Open House at the Rothney Astrophysical Observatory - Calgary, AB
- Opening of "Manitoba Skies" The Manitoba Museum - Winnipeg, MB
- Toronto Astronomy Festival, Ontario Science Centre - Toronto, ON
- Kick Off Event for IYA, UWU - London, ON
- Kingston Astronomy Outreach Queen's U - Kingston, ON
- Activités d'ouverture de l'AMA2009 - Mont-Tremblant, QC
- Planétarium Quasar de Chibougamau Bibliothèque municipale - Chibougamau, QC
- StarLab for Kids, Discovery Centre - Halifax, NS
- Busking Astronomers, Saint Mary's - Halifax, NS

Additional January Events

- January 5 Les Innovateurs à l'école et à la bibliothèque Écoles et bibliothèques publiques - Gatineau, QC
- January 9 Astronomers Drinking Coffee Uncommon Grounds - Halifax, NS
- January 11 Halifax Planetarium Sky Shows Dalhousie University - Halifax, NS
- January 13 Public Talk at Royal Military College Currie Hall- RMC - Kingston, ON
- January 13 Using your First Telescope The Manitoba Museum - Winnipeg, MB

- January 14 Les aurores boréales L'espace Culturel - St-Raymond, QC
- January 15 Exploring the Night Sky Oak Hammock Marsh - Winnipeg, MB
- January 15 Open House - Centre of the Universe DAO - Victoria, BC
- January 16 Astronomy Talk - RASC London Fanshawe College - London, ON
- January 9 & 21 to 29 Tafelmusik's "The Galileo Project: Music of the Spheres" - Banff, AB & Toronto, ON

Other Events & Materials

- IYA stamps being issued 2-5 April at DAO
- Commemorative gold and silver coins designed
- 19 scheduled "Galileo Lectures"
- "Galileo Live!" planetarium shows premiere
- Invitation to Canada's First Nations
- Compilation of night sky stories by Aboriginal elders for their youth
- Dark sky preserves
- New 9th grade curriculum materials
- New K-12 educational astronomy kits
- Educational Concerts (Victoria Symphony)
- Lucidarium (Early Music Society of the Islands)
- From Earth to The Universe (FETU) exhibits
- 100 hour Sidewalk Astronomy Marathon
- GLOBE at Night