On The Eve Of IYA2009 In Canada

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

January 10th Events
- IYA 2009 Kick Off Party - Sechelt, BC
- Open House at the Rattray Astrophysical Observatory - Calgary, AB
- Opening of Manitoba Skies
- The Manitoba Museum - Winnipeg, MB
- Toronto Astronomy Festival
- Ontario Science Centre - Toronto, ON
- “Mary Lou’s New Telescope” Book on Light Pollution
- National Node: Link between National/Regional nodes and the World Network
- Music of the Spheres
- Victoria Symphony Education Concerts Teacher’s Guide

Additional January Events
- January 5 Les Décombres à l’école et à la bibliothèque Écoles et bibliothèques publiques - Gatineau, QC
- January 11 Astronomers Drinking Coffee Uncommon Grounds - Halifax, NS
- January 13 Public Talk at Royal Military College Currie Hall - KMC - Kingston, ON
- January 15 Using your First Telescope The Manitoba Museum - Winnipeg, MB

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

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