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A strong media presence is anticipated at the Opening Ceremony, drawn by the high profile events and speakers. In addition, there will be exhibits by well-known science institutions who support IYA2009.

The Opening Ceremony is set to launch IYA2009 on its journey. Its mission: to help the citizens of the world rediscover their place within the Universe.

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- Opening Ceremony website: <http://www.astronomy2009.org/opening>
- IYA2009 website: <http://www.astronomy2009.org/>

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