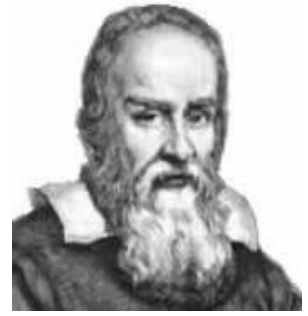




04/23/1564 - 04/23/1616

# 2009



02/15/1564 - 01/08/1642

## It's April 23.

# Happy Birthday, Will!

## Shakespeare

# 445 years young.

Also 445 years young: Galileo Galilei

And this year, born on the same day, Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln turn 200.

## 400 years ago Galileo looked through his telescope

2009 is International Year of Astronomy



02/12/1809 - 04/14/1865

# Famous Birthdays



02/12/1809 - 04/19/1882

# Galileo's Dream: The International Year of Astronomy 2009

**Theme and Slogan:** *The Universe, Yours to Discover*

**Significance:** *400 years ago, in 1609, Galileo Galilei first turned his telescope toward the stars and reported on what he saw.*

**Scope:** 150 nations and 14 organisations have signed up to participate in the IYA2009 - an unprecedented network of committed communicators and educators in astronomy.

**Official Welcome:** <http://www.astronomy2009.org/general/about/welcome/>

**Official Website:** <http://www.astronomy2009.org/>

## Cornerstone Projects:

100 Hours Of Astronomy: *an event 400 years in the making* <http://www.100hoursofastronomy.org/>

Astronomy and World Heritage: *universal treasures* <http://whc.unesco.org/en/activities/19> and <http://www.astronomicalheritage.org/>

Cosmic Diary: *the life of an astronomer* <http://www.cosmicdiary.org/>

Dark Skies Awareness: *seeing in the dark* <http://www.darkskiesawareness.org/>

Developing Astronomy Globally: *astronomy for all* <http://www.developingastronomy.org/>

From Earth to the Universe: *the beauty of science* <http://www.fromearthtotheuniverse.org/>

The Galileoscope: *millions looking at the sky* <http://galileoscope.org.s24296.gridserver.com/>

Galileo Teacher Training Program: *engaging the future*

<http://www.astronomy2009.org/globalprojects/cornerstones/galileoteachertraining/>

The Portal to the Universe: *a one-stop universe of news* <http://www.portaltotheuniverse.org/EarlyBirdReg/>

She is an Astronomer: *breaking down misconceptions*

<http://www.astronomy2009.org/globalprojects/cornerstones/sheisanastronomer/>

Universe Awareness: *one place in the Universe* <http://www.unawe.org/>

## Special Projects:

1919 Eclipse: *celebrating at Principe* <http://www.1919eclipse.org/>

365 Days of Astronomy: *daily IYA podcasts* <http://365daysofastronomy.org/>

400 Years of the Telescope: *a journey of science, technology and thought* <http://www.400years.org/>

Around the World, Around the Sky: *a journey*

[http://www.astronomy2009.org/resources/multimedia/videos/detail/film\\_annonce\\_def\\_etalonne/](http://www.astronomy2009.org/resources/multimedia/videos/detail/film_annonce_def_etalonne/)

Around the World in 80 Telescopes: *24-hour international webcast*

<http://www.100hoursofastronomy.org/component/webcast/?id=6>

BLAST!: *astrophysics Indiana Jones-style* <http://www.blastthemovie.com/>

Canadians in Space Project: *collaborate with astronauts, scientists, and engineers* <http://space.yesican-science.ca/>

Cassini Imaging Central Laboratory For Operations (CICLOPS): *Saturn in picture* <http://ciclops.org/index.php>

Create New Constellations: *a contest for students and teachers*

<http://www.museudaciencia.pt/index.php?iAction=Actividades&iArea=5&iId=18>

Exoplanet Hunters: *looking for Earth* <http://www.astronomy2009.org/globalprojects/specialprojects/exoplanets/>

The Galaxy Zoo: *contribute to more than 30 research projects* <http://www.galaxyzoo.org/>

Galilean satellites: *mutual phenomena* [http://www.imcce.fr/hosted\\_sites/ama09/phemu09\\_en.html](http://www.imcce.fr/hosted_sites/ama09/phemu09_en.html)

Galileo's Journey: *tour astronomy with Galileo*

<http://realserver1.jpl.nasa.gov:8080/ramgen/broadcast/live.rm?mode=compact>

GLOBE at Night: *sights in the dark sky* <http://www.globe.gov/GaN/>

The Sky: *yours to discover* <http://www.museudaciencia.pt/index.php?iAction=Actividades&iArea=5&iId=18>

Sky-map.org: *experience space like you never have before* <http://www.server3.sky-map.org/>

StarPeace: *star parties to show the sky* <http://www.starpeace.org/>

The World at Night: *one people, one sky* <http://www.twanight.org/newTWAN/index.asp>