

## The Season, The Sky and Jupiter!

On Saturday, October 17, the Saskatoon Concert Band will perform a concert of music celebrating the International Year of Astronomy and the arrival of autumn. The performance will take place at Rawlco Radio Hall in the Frank and Ellen Performing Arts Center at 7:30 PM. Weather permitting, the audience will have the opportunity to view Jupiter through telescopes made available by local members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

The Saskatoon Concert Band will also perform "Fall Fair" by Canadian composer Godfrey Rideout, "Jupiter" from the "Planets" Suite by Gustav Holst, Selections from "Star Wars", "Pavane" by Gabriel Fauré, and other music suitable to the evening.

The International Year of Astronomy is a global event celebrating the science of astronomy. 2009 marks the 400<sup>th</sup> year of the first use of a telescope for astronomy by Galileo. This concert by the Saskatoon Concert Band, with assistance from the Saskatoon Chapter of the Royal Astronomical Society, is one of hundreds of events world-wide celebrating the 400 years since Galileo's discoveries.

Although he did not invent the telescope, he was the first to use it to observe, record, and draw conclusions from what he saw. He discovered the 4 largest moons of Jupiter, the phases of Venus, and the stars of the Milky Way, and the rough surface of the moon. The International Year of Astronomy provides people everywhere the chance to rediscover the wonder of discovery of the night sky.

Saskatoon Concert Band, Saskatoon's premier community band, has been performing in Saskatoon and area for over 60 years. The group performs a wide range of music, from orchestral transcriptions, original wind literature, light classics, marches, and Broadway show tunes.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for Seniors, students, children under eight are free of charge. Tickets are available from Persephone Box Office, Band Members and McNally Robinson.

For more information, please call 242-3916, or 659 – 7076 or [Www.SaskatoonConcertBand.ca](http://www.SaskatoonConcertBand.ca)

Other sites with information:

International site: <http://www.astronomy2009.org/>

Canadian site: <http://www.rasc.ca/education/iya/>