

**PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS
MEDIA ALERT**

**Tuesday, December 8
8:00am – 1:00pm
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Room 202**



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Convocation of Hindu Spiritual Leaders: Opening Ceremony

Media are invited to a special feature of the 2009 Parliament of the World's Religions on Tuesday 8 December. A host of Hindu spiritual leaders from both Melbourne and abroad will unite in the *Convocation of Hindu Spiritual Leaders: Opening Ceremony*.

The convocation of saints will begin with Vedic chanting, prayers, meditation and music, followed by discussions on universal themes, such as spiritual values and peace as well as current issues such as humanitarian work, education and the environment.

The spiritual leaders include:

- Mother Maya – *Founder of the Wise Earth School of Ayurveda*
- H H Dadi Janki (India) - *Patron of the World Congress of Faiths*
- Tara Rajkumar OAM (Australia) – *Director of Natya Sudha School of dance*
- Dada J P Vaswani – *Spiritual head of the Sadhu Vaswani Mission*
- Dr Chandrabhanu (Australia) – *Artistic Director and Principal of Bharatalaya Academy of Indian Classical Dance and Music*
- Swami Parameshananda – *United Nations and International Representative of Bharat Sevashram Sangha*
- Sevadevi Glover (Australia) – *Member of the Australian Association of Yoga in Daily Life*

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