

Beijing 2008 Olympics opening



Artists perform during the opening ceremony of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games at the National Stadium, also known as the "Bird's Nest".



Fireworks light up the sky in front of the National Stadium, known as the "Bird's Nest", during the opening ceremony.



Artists perform while Olympic rings styled fireworks light up during the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games opening ceremony on August 8, 2008 at the National Stadium in Beijing. Over 10,000 athletes from some 200 countries are going to compete in 38 different disciplines during the event, between August 9 to 24.

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Chinese soldiers hoist the national flag.



This television grab taken from Chinese television channel CCTV on August 8, 2008 shows an aerial view of fireworks lighting up the sky at the opening ceremony.