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Story Headline: IOC President Thomas Bach says he is “excited” for the sporting competition ahead after the opening ceremony for the Lillehammer 2016 Youth Winter Olympic Games.

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Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games
Date: 12 February
Place: Lillehammer, Norway

SHOT LOG & Transcripts of sound-bytes:

Wide shot of Lysgårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena

Norwegian flag being carried towards the stage

Close up of Norwegian flag being carried towards the stage

Dancers dancing on the stage

IOC President Thomas Bach and King Harald V of Norway in the stands

Dancers on the stage

Athletes entering the Arena

Athletes waving as they enter the Arena

Wide of athletes entering the Arena

Close up of athletes entering the Arena

Czech Republic, Canadian and Italian athletes entering the Arena
Czech athletes waving flags

**SOUNDBYTE:** IOC President Thomas Bach
“Dear athletes, welcome to your Games. Today marks the start of 10 incredible days for you; 10 incredible days when all of us will celebrate the joy that only sport can bring.”

**SOUNDBYTE:** IOC President Thomas Bach (translated in English from French)
“And now, I have the great honour to invite his majesty the King Harald V of Norway to declare the opening of the second Winter Youth Olympic Games.”

Harald V, King of Norway opens Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

Fireworks marking opening of Games

**SOUNDBYTE:** IOC President Thomas Bach
“They will tell us what makes YOG so special for them.”

**SOUNDBYTE:** South African athlete competing at Lillehammer 2016 Rachel Elizabeth
“Hi my name is Rachel Elizabeth from South Africa, I honour what Mr Nelson Mandela said, ‘that sport has the power to change the world’. I love sport because it has the power to inspire and speaks to youth in a language we understand.”

Olympic flag passes over camera

Wide of Olympic flag entering stage

Olympic flag raised

Olympic flag and Norwegian flag flying above Arena

Performers dancing on the stage
Skiing performers coming down ski jump in Arena

Close up of skiing performer going over jump

Shot of snowboarding and skiing performers going over jumps

Close up of Princess Ingrid Alexandra of Norway

Princess Ingrid Alexandra taking Olympic torch

Princess Ingrid Alexandra walking up stairs to Olympic flame

Princess Ingrid Alexandra lighting the flame which zooms out to Norwegian and Olympic flag

Wide of fireworks

People waving flags and watching fireworks

Athletes shouting at the camera

Spectators waving

Wide of fireworks

Close up of performers sat around a fire

Wide of fireworks

Fireworks going off over stage

Close up of Olympic flame

**SOUNDBYTE:** IOC President Thomas Bach

**Question:** What did you think of the ceremony?

**Answer:** “It was a beautiful ceremony; a great blend of classical art, sport
and modern technology and I think everyone in the stadium really enjoyed it.”

**SOUNDBYTE:** IOC President Thomas Bach

**Question:** How fitting was it for an event like this?

**Answer:** “It was perfectly fitting for the youth because you saw the youths’ reaction, you saw the new technology on the screen, you saw a good sense of humour and I’m sure they were really excited.”

Athletes leaving the Arena

**SOUNDBYTE:** IOC President Thomas Bach

**Question:** And how much are you looking forward to the next few days of competition?

**Answer:** “Now the sport starts and this is what the Youth Olympic Games are also about. I’m really excited to watch some great competitions tomorrow.”

Wide of Arena at end of ceremony

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