

BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF KITES & AIR CREATIONS

Celebrating 21 Years of Flying High

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Kite Festival comes of age

One of the region's most colourful and distinctive events is celebrating its 21st birthday this summer. The annual Bristol International Festival of Kites & Air Creations will take place in Ashton Court Estate over the weekend of **1 & 2 September 2007**.

Organizers are promising an action packed aerial extravaganza featuring spectacular flying displays, kite fighting battles, breathtaking synchronised routines flown to music and awesome power kites as well as colourful ground-based inflatables and air sculptures of all shapes and sizes.

International kite guests will be winging their way from as far afield as New Zealand to join flyers and enthusiasts from across the UK and Europe. The Festival will also welcome a spectacular array of air creations including original air sculptures and a collection larger-than-life inflatable creatures including 25 metre long dragons, a purple people eater and a walk through coral reef decorated with sea creatures.

Festival highlights will include:

- spectacular and colourful sea-themed kites including swirling octopi, a flying scuba diver, a giant mermaid and Roly the mega killer whale
- the brute power of vast man-lifting kite surf wings and the thrills and spills of kite-propelled buggies and land boards
- aerial combat with traditional Japanese fighting kites each vying to be the last one in the sky
- a 30 metre long multi-coloured manta ray and a gaggle of geckos designed and made in New Zealand by festival favourite Peter Lynn
- free children's kite-making workshops run by local kite group Avon Kite Flyers

The Festival programme runs on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd September from 11.00am to 5.00pm. To add to the festive atmosphere there will also be fantastic play structures and children's attractions, selected specialist kite traders, a licensed bar and an array of appetising food and drink.

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