

## **Bristol International Festival of Kites & Air Creations 2008** **Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 August - Programme of events**

*All timings and displays are subject to weather conditions - Flying limit: 1,500 ft*

### **Arena 1 – Saturday and Sunday**

This arena features a continuous array of colourful display kites of all shapes and sizes flown by guest flyers and designers from around the world. A constantly changing backdrop of colour in the sky, the chance to admire the artistry, craftsmanship and design of these kites and banners close to on the ground and to talk to the designers and makers about their work.

Overseas guests include:

Spectacular special shapes with swirling giant octopi, manta rays, geckos and other beasts by **Peter Lynn** from New Zealand and also displayed by **Kathleen** and **Andrew Beattie** jostling for space with shoals of flying fish, sealife and even a 3D monkey by fellow New Zealander **Robert van Weers**.

From France team **AWITA** - with their collection of large display kites, spinning wheels and comic walking headless chickens.

Traditional and modern oriental designs by world renowned kite expert **Masaaki Modegi** from Japan. Artistic kites by **Janneke Groen** from the Netherlands and **Bill Farber** from Australia with their intricate patchwork designs of colours hand-stitched like flying stained glass windows. All the way from Tasmania **Robert Brassington** with his spectacular complex cellular kites inspired by Gothic cathedrals in contrast to the striking abstract graphics on kites by **Jørgen Møller Hansen** from Denmark and **Heinrich Hohmann** from Germany.

From the UK kite artist and renowned sport kite flyer **Carl Robertshaw**, Indian kite-fighting master **Stafford Wallace**, appliqué specialist **Kelvin Woods** with his celebrity tribute edo kites including Debbie Harry and collection of larger than life butterflies. Plus Bristol's best **Nick James** with his heavenly angels and ghosts and festival founder **Martin 'legs' Lester** with his distinctive jogging legs, flying men and spirit kites and many more.....

To complement these aerial displays there will be fantastic ground based air creations including: **Anne Harris** with her amazing walk through coral reef, and her Merlin's amazing waterway and **Nick James'** wishcatcher. These will be joined by Anne's eye catching giant inflatables on the theme of 'Rock n Roll' with Ali the Aligator, Molly the Spider, a Purple People Eater and a Puffin.

**Saturday only** – alongside the Festival, **Scrapheap Challenge** will also be providing engineering mayhem and madness as six teams vie for glory with their blow football machines. The winner will then take on programme expert Dick Strawbridge!

## **Arena 2 - Saturday & Sunday** (All displays subject to the weather conditions)

- 11.00am **Welcome** and introduction to the festival
- 11.15 **How to fly a sport kite** with **Carl & James Robertshaw** followed by demonstrations of pairs and team synchronised flying routines choreographed to music
- 11.40 **World class quad line display teams** including **iQuad, Decs** and **Flying Squad**
- 12 noon **Avon Kite Flyers Club** members display
- 12.20 **The Rokkaku Challenge** - mock aerial combat with large traditional Japanese fighting kites alternating with:  
**Team Spectrum** - sport kite routines choreographed to music
- 1.00 **Kaleidoscope of Butterflies** - mass fly-in by **Kelvin Woods** and others
- 1.20 **Traditional Indian fighter kites** –**Stafford Wallace** shows his flying skills
- 1.35 **Pulling Power** - latest in extreme power kites, buggies and landboards featuring the **Flexifoil pro riders** team
- 2.00 **Rev Up for Bristol** – world-renowned quad line display teams perform synchronised routines choreographed and flown to music
- 2.30 **Artistic Kites** – highlighting the artistry and craftsmanship of kite design: with displays from **Robert Brassington, Janneke Groen, Jørgen Møller Hansen, Masaaki Modegi, Heinrich Hohmann, Bill Farber, Nick James, Carl Robertshaw, Kelvin Woods** and many more
- 2.50 **Heavens Above - The Grand Appeal with Wallace & Gromit**  
Featuring **Nick James'** angels and other heavenly kites
- 3.10 **Serenade of Serpents** – mass fly in of spectacular serpent kites
- 3.30 **Festival of the Sea** – featuring giant octopi, mermaids, Neptune, flying fish, scuba divers, Roly the Killer Whale and other sea-themed kites
- 4.00 **Scratch Bunnies** – synchronised team flying routines choreographed and flown to music
- 4.15 Saturday only – **AWITA** bol race – UK vs France!  
Sunday only - **Blue Peter** - 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary train, flown by local children and the programme's presenters
- 4.40 **Martin Lester's best** - a mass fly-in of jogging legs, flying torsos, scuba diver and spirit kites
- 5.00 **Festival finale - Revolution quad line mega team**  
Followed by results of the day's competitions, thanks and close of arena programme

In **Arena 3** there will be some 35 quad lines teams and flyers taking part in Revolution kites 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Top ranked quad line teams including iQuad and Too Much Fun from USA, Time Out from Holland, Team Boleau from Spain and the Decorators and Flying Squad from the UK will perform individual routines and then come together each day for an ambitious mega team. Mega team rehearsals at **11am** and **3pm** each day, and continuous displays and demonstrations in between!