

Bristol International Festival of Kites & Air Creations 2009
Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September
Provisional Arenas Programme

All timings and displays are subject to weather conditions - Flying height 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 from down under with flying mermaids, mermen, sharks and flowers by **Phil McConnachie** from Australia - joined by swirling giant octopi, manta rays, a snake, fish, geckos and other mega beasts by kite maestro **Peter Lynn** from New Zealand, also displayed by **Kathleen** and **Andrew Beattie** and the **Al Farsi kite team**. Also jostling for space New Zealander **Robert van Weers** with his shoals of flying fish, sealife and even a 3D monkey by and continuing a sea theme Italian **Marco Casadio** will flying his trademark mermaids as well as larger than life a Harlequin, Pinocchio, coyote and his latest design a series of chubby cherub kites.

Artistic kites will also feature with **Janneke Groen** from the Netherlands with her beautiful appliquéd designs like flying stained glass windows, **Caterina Capelli** from Italy with dramatic portraits in the sky hand-painted by **Claudio Capelli** plus striking designs by **Gerard Clement** from France and **Ivo van Olmen** from Belgium and **Jan van Leeuwen** from the Netherlands. Whilst closer to the ground look out for dramatic large spinning wheels by **Edoardo Borghetti** from Milan.

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

To complement these aerial displays there will be fantastic ground based air creations including **Robert Valkenburgh's Wind Gallery** an orchestra of aeolian harps, hummers, pipes and chimes played by the wind, plus crowd favourite **Anne Harris** with her amazing animal inspired inflatables.

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** followed by demonstrations of pairs and team synchronised flying routines choreographed to music
- 11.40 **The Decorators** quad-line display team
- 12 noon **Avon Kite Flyers Club** members display – celebrating the club's 20th anniversary
- 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** – **kite master Stafford Wallace** shows his flying skills
- 1.40 **Pulling Power** - latest in extreme power kites, buggies and landboards in the expert hands of the **Flexifoil pro-riders**
- 2.00 **Heavens Above** - featuring **Nick James'** angels and other heavenly kites in conjunction with Angels from **Heart fm**
- 2.20 **Artistic Kites** – highlighting the artistry and craftsmanship of kite design: featuring kites by **Claudio Capelli** from Italy , **Gerard Clement** from France, **Ivo van Olmen** from Belgium, **Jan van Leeuwen & Janneke Groen** from Holland plus from the UK **Carl Robertshaw, Kelvin Woods, Pauline Taylor** and many more
- 2.50 **'Bristol in Bloom'** – supporting the festival's nominated charity *Marie Curie Cancer Care* - featuring flower kites and children's kite-making workshop 'daffodil' kites – in conjunction with **Riverside Garden Centre**
- 3.20 **Serenade of Serpents** – mass fly in of spectacular serpent kites by Carl Robertshaw
- 3.40 **The Decorators** – quad-line display team
- 4.00 **Festival of the Sea** – featuring giant octopi, rays, mermaids & mermen, Neptune, flying fish, dolphins, scuba divers, Roly the Killer Whale and other sea-themed kites
- 4.30 **Scratch Bunnies** – **UK team sport kite champions** - synchronised team flying routines choreographed and flown to music
- 4.50 **Festival finale & Martin Lester 'legs up'** - mass fly in of legs marking 21st anniversary of Martin's iconic jogging legs kite including the **Back Bristol Bid** footballers legs and football - plus Martin's other flying body parts and spirit kites

Followed by results of the day's competitions, thanks and close of arena programme

Arena 3 will be a sport kite demonstration area with **STACK UK** showing off the best in sport kites - including beginners coaching on Saturday (in 1 hour sessions), a trick flying clinic on Sunday morning and the Bristol 'Trick-out' competition on Sunday afternoon, interspersed with quad-line flying.