

Bristol International Festival of Kites & Air Creations 2010

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 September

Flying 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 and throughout the UK.

Enjoy 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 swirling giant octopi, manta rays, flying 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 and continuing a sea theme Italian **Marco Casadio** will flying his trademark mermaids as well as larger than life Harlequin, Pinocchio, coyote and his latest design, in conjunction with **Claudio Capelli**, a series of chubby cherub kites.

Artistic kites will also feature strongly this year with striking painted images by **John & Diane Pollock** and **Dave Butler** from America and **Claudio Capelli** from Italy. Also **Janneke Groen** from the Netherlands with her beautiful appliquéd designs, striking designs by **Gerard Clement** and **Michel-Marie Bougard** from France. All the way from Tasmania **Robert Brasington** with his spectacular complex cellular kites inspired by Gothic cathedrals in contrast to the striking abstract graphics on kites by **Heinrich Hohmann** from Germany with **Rene Maier** from Switzerland and more traditional designs by **Carol Jansen** from Dutch Curacao.

They guests will be joined by wonderful array of flyers and designers, kite clubs and societies from across the UK. Look out for kite artist and renowned sport kite flyer **Carl Robertshaw** with his striking serpents, appliqué specialist **Kelvin Woods** with his larger than life butterflies and celebrity tribute edo kites; architecturally inspired colourful designs by **Michael Goddard**, **Karl Longbottom** known for his flying pants and beautiful doves and **Dave Holt** with his TV inspired 3D kites including Thunderbird 2 and Wallace & Grommit. 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 intriguing designs.

To complement these aerial displays there will be fantastic ground displays with colourful flags and banners and air creations including a wind orchestra and other aerial and aeolian displays by **Robert Valkenburgh** from Netherlands, **Anne Harris** with her amazing animal inspired inflatables and **Nick James'** wishcatcher and other art installations.

Working with the *Great Western Air Ambulance* helicopter **Jerry & Carolyn Swift** will also be offering brave teddies and toys the chance to be hoisted aloft and parachuted from a kite.

See **Arena 2** programme for a series of organised displays and demonstrations with commentary

Arena 3 will be set aside as a sport kite demonstration/flying area with the **STACK UK Trick Out** competition on Sunday afternoon.

Arena 2 - Saturday & Sunday (All displays subject to the weather conditions on the day)

(11.00am Invited flyers and participants pre-event briefing)

- 12noon **Welcome** and **How to fly a sport kite** followed by demonstrations of pairs and team synchronised flying routines choreographed to music
- 12.20 **The Decorators** quad-line display team
- 12.35 **Avon Kite Flyers Club** members display
- 12.50 **STACK/KSGB 2010 UK Rokkaku Challenge** - mock aerial combat with large traditional Japanese fighting kites *alternating with: Team Spectrum* - sport kite routines choreographed to music
- 1.30 **Birds & Bees** - mass fly-in of insects, bugs and birds promoting *the Global Bee project*. Including **Kelvin Woods** kaleidoscope of butterflies, classic birds and wasps made by **George Peters**, **Karl Longbottom's** bees, **John Browning's** miniature 'global bees' with **Paul Chapman** and many more flyers
- 1.45 **Pulling Power** - latest in extreme power kites, buggies and landboarding featuring the **Flexifoil** pro-riders
- 2.05 **Paint the Sky** - flying pictures featuring hand painted, silk-screened & other decorated stick kites including **John Pollock**, **Claudio Capelli** and others
- 2.25 **Heavens Above** - featuring **Martin Lester's** spirit kites and **Nick James'** angels and other heavenly kites flown in conjunction with the Angels from **Heart fm**
- 2.45 **History of Western Kites – part 1** - from early European kites to end of 19th century
- 3.05 **The Decorators** – quad-line display team
- 3.20 'All in a spin' supporting the festival's nominated charity **The Great Western Air Ambulance** - featuring spinning bols and windsocks to reflect the helicopter's rotors together with Jerry and Carolyn Swift's **parachuting teddy bears**
- 3.45 **History of Western Kites – part 2** – a celebration of the last 100 years of kites as part of the BAC100 programme
- 4.05 **Serenade of Serpents** – mass fly-in of spectacular serpent kites by Carl Robertshaw and others
- 4.25 **Artistic Kites** – highlighting the artistry and craftsmanship of kite design: featuring **John & Diana Pollock**, **Dave Butler**, **Heinrich Hohmann**, **Gerard Clement**, **Claudio Capelli**, **Janneke Groen**, **Michel-Marie Bougard**, **Carl Robertshaw**, **Kelvin Woods**, **Michael Goddard**, **Nick James**, **Karl Longbottom** and many more.....
- 4.45 Mass ascent of **Sodes** – featuring **Janneke Groen's** beautiful appliqued and decorated Japanese kimono kites
- 5.00 **Scratch Bunnies – 2010 World Team Sport Kite Champions** - breathtaking synchronised team routines choreographed and flown to music
- 5.15 **Festival of the Sea Finale** – featuring giant octopi, rays, mermaids & mermen, flying fish, dolphins, scuba divers, Roly the Killer Whale and other sea-themed kites

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

NB Between the above arena slots there will be impromptu displays and demonstrations throughout the day