



## **Bristol International Festival of Kites & Air Creations 2011** **Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 September** **Flying Programme**

*Timings & displays subject to weather conditions. Flying height limit: 1,500 ft*

### **Arena 1 – Saturday and Sunday**

Enjoy a continuous array of colourful kites of all shapes and sizes flown by invited guest flyers and designers from around the world alongside members of clubs and societies from across the UK. A constantly changing backdrop of colour in the sky, the chance to admire the artistry, craftsmanship and design of these kites and banners at close quarters and the chance 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, bears 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**. Continuing a sea theme 'fish in line' and other creations from **Robert van Weers** from New Zealand whilst **Rolf Sturm** from Germany will show his trademark soft aeroplane kites including Snoopy and the Red Baron in their flying machines.

Artistic kites feature strongly this year with dramatic hand-painted portraits by Italian artist **Claudio Capelli** and striking designs like flying stained glass windows by fellow Italian **Fausto Marrocu** not to mention **Eduardo Borghetti** with his vast spinning rings. **Janneke Groen** from the Netherlands decorates traditional Japanese kimono kites with beautiful appliquéd patterns whilst there are large cellular designs by **Gerard Clement** from France, **Patrizio Mariani from Italy** and **Rene Maier** from Switzerland and modern abstract graphics by **Heinrich Hohmann** from Germany.

All the way from Thailand a team from the **Thai Kite Heritage Group** (supported by the Tourism Authority of Thailand) will demonstrate the art of the traditional Thai kite competition flying hand crafted bamboo and paper kites and also run kite-making workshops in the main Information Tent whilst Indian kite master **Stafford Wallace** demonstrates the skill of manoeuvring delicate Indian fighter kites.

These guests will be joined by many individual flyers and members of kite clubs and societies across the UK. Look out for kite artist and renowned sport kite maestro **Carl Robertshaw** with his striking serenade of serpents, appliqué specialist **Kelvin Woods** with his larger than life butterflies and celebrity tribute kites; **Michael Goddard's** striking artistic designs and **Karl Longbottom** with his comical flying pants and ethereal doves. Plus Bristol's best **Nick James** with his heavenly angels and ghosts and festival co-founder **Martin 'legs' Lester** with his distinctive jogging legs, flying body parts, spirit kites and many more intriguing designs.

To complement the aerial shows there will be fantastic ground displays with an array of flags and banners and air creations, including sculptures by **Designs in Air**, and even a wind orchestra by **Robert Valkenburgh** from the Netherlands with aeolian harps, hummers, pipes and chimes played by the wind.

Working with the festival's nominated charity, the *Great Western Air Ambulance*, **Jerry & Carolyn Swift** will offer brave teddies and their furry friends 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.

#### **World Record Attempt**

**Subject to the weather conditions on the day The Al Farsi kite team from Kuwait will attempt to set a new official World Record for the *World's Largest kite* with their amazing new mega Manta Ray.**

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

- 11.00 **Welcome** and introduction to the Festival
- 11.10 **The Decorators** quad-line display team
- 11.30 **Avon Kite Flyers Club** members display
- 11.50 **Bristol Rokkaku Challenge** - mock aerial combat with large traditional Japanese fighting kites *alternating with: **Team Spectrum*** – sport kite routines choreographed to music
- 12.30 **Birds & Bees** - mass fly-in of insects, bugs and bird kites with a kaleidoscope of butterflies by **Kelvin Woods**, classic birds and wasps made by **George Peters**, doves by **Karl Longbottom** and a swarm of miniature bees by **John Browning**
- 12.50 **Traditional Indian fighter kites** *with kite master Stafford Wallace*
- 1.05 **Heavens Above** - featuring **Nick James'** angels, **Martin Lester's** spirits and other heavenly kites in conjunction with the Angels from **Heart fm**
- 1.25 'All in a spin' supporting the festival's nominated charity **The Great Western Air Ambulance** featuring **Eduardo Borghetti's** spectacular spinning 'bols' to reflect the helicopter's rotors and Jerry and Carolyn Swift's intrepid **parachuting teddy bears**
- 1.55 **Paint the Sky** – highlighting the artistry and craftsmanship of kites: featuring designs by **Patrizio Mariani**, **Fausto Marrocu** and **Claudio Capelli** from Italy, **Gerard Clement** from France, **Janneke Groen** from Holland plus from the UK **Carl Robertshaw**, **Kelvin Woods**, **Michael Goddard**, **Nick James**, **Karl Longbottom** and more.....
- 2.20 **The Thai Kite Heritage Group** (Supported by the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) demonstrating the ancient 'Chula' (male) and 'Pakpao' (female) Thai kite competition with traditional bamboo and paper kites.
- 2.50 **Serenade of Serpents** – mass fly-in of spectacular serpent kites by Carl Robertshaw
- 3.15 **Pulling Power** - latest in extreme power kites, buggies and landboards in the expert hands of the **Flexifoil pro-riders**
- 3.35 Mass ascent of **Sodes** – featuring **Janneke Groen's** beautiful appliquéd and decorated Japanese 'kimono' kites
- 3.55 **The Decorators** – quad-line display team
- 4.10 **Festival of the Sea** – a feast of giant octopi, rays, mermaids & mermen, Neptune, flying fish, dolphins, scuba divers, Roly the Killer Whale and other sea-themed kites
- 4.35 **Scratch Bunnies – World Sport Kite Champions** - synchronised team routines choreographed and flown to music
- 4.50 **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Festival finale** - a mass fly in of festival founder **Martin Lester's** iconic *jogging legs, flying body parts to the sounds of 25 years ago*

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

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