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Announcing Flying Legends 2012 with an exciting new air show film trailer

The Fighter Collection and IWM Duxford are delighted to announce Flying Legends 2012 with the release of a thrilling clip of a trailer which will whet your appetite for this year's extravaganza event. See the clip at <http://www.iwm.org.uk/events/flying-legends>

This year, Flying Legends will be held on Saturday 30 June and Sunday 1 July.

A knowledgeable worldwide following has ensured that Flying Legends is *the* air show event in the aviation calendar.

Each of the historic aircraft on display at Flying Legends is a living tribute to the outstanding skills of the people who designed, built, maintained and flew them and to the dedication of those who have restored these stunning aircraft back to life.

Flying Legends presents these iconic aircraft in a spectacular display that honours their history and aerial achievements.

The flying display promises an unmissable fusion of power, sound, excitement and nostalgia as a series of rare and unique piston-engined propeller aircraft perform their breathtaking flights over the historic airfield at IWM Duxford.

On the ground, there will be a whole section devoted to vintage nostalgia with a fabulous forties wartime atmosphere. There will be live music, including a welcome return by The Manhattan Dolls, who will be bringing their Andrews Sisters-style show direct from New York. The Manhattan Dolls were hugely popular at Flying Legends 2011, performing those instantly-recognisable songs of the 1930s and 1940s.

The whole museum will be open to explore throughout the day, with eight fantastic exhibition spaces and over 200 aircraft to see. Our award-winning exhibitions take you on an unforgettable journey through aviation from the earliest flights to present-day jets – all part of a rich and unique collection.

For just a hint of what to expect at Flying Legends 2012, watch the film clip at <http://www.iwm.org.uk/events/flying-legends>

Buy your tickets in advance and save 10%. Hurry, the offer ends at 5pm on Friday 15 June for overseas postal delivery and at 5pm on Wednesday 20 June for UK postal delivery.

VIP Hospitality

Go For Gold at Flying Legends

Enjoy a very special Flying Legends experience with our Gold Pass, offering admission to Flying Legends with priority car parking, access to a luxury hospitality marquee with cash bar, café-style seating and a private garden enclosure. Gold Pass also offers access to the thrilling flight line walk, giving closer access to those wonderful historic aircraft, and a complimentary souvenir programme.

A pre-bookable two course lunch is also available as part of Gold Pass.

Tickets can be purchased online at iwm.org.uk or by calling the Box Office on 01223 499353. The Box Office is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

The Flying Legends Bremont Flight Lounge

Experience Flying Legends from the VIP Bremont Flight Lounge hospitality suite.

The Flight Lounge offers priority parking, private luxury marquee and garden located on the flight line, morning coffee and biscuits, garden access to the flight line walk (9am to noon only), champagne reception with canapés, gourmet buffet lunch served with red and white wine, Flying Legends souvenir programme, luxury toilets within the private enclosure, luxury indoor seating area with television viewing, daily newspapers and magazines, event hostess and bar table service, finishing with a traditional English afternoon cream tea.

To discuss your Bremont Flight Lounge individual requirements please contact Jane Larcombe at The Fighter Collection on 01223 834973 or larks@fighter-collection.com

All flying is subject to weather, serviceability and operational commitments.

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Notes to Editors

IWM Duxford

IWM Duxford is Britain's best-preserved Second World War airfield, with a fascinating history that dates back to the First World War. Its story reflects the landmark achievements made in aviation history. Duxford is Europe's premier aviation museum, where historic buildings intersperse with state-of-the-art exhibition halls, including AirSpace and the American Air Museum. Historic aircraft can regularly be seen taking to the skies from Duxford's wartime airfield. Through the rich displays of aircraft and the powerful stories of the men and women involved, we tell the story of the impact of aviation on the nature of war, on people's lives and on the social and economic history of the region. With one of the finest collections of tanks, military vehicles and artillery in the UK, we also show the impact of technological development on war and conflict.

IWM Duxford
Cambridgeshire CB22 4QR

Open Daily:
Winter 2011/2012 (30 October 2011 to 16 March 2012) 10.00am to 4.00pm
except 24, 25 and 26 December

Summer 2012 (17 March to 27 October 2012) 10.00am to 6.00pm

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IWM

IWM (Imperial War Museums) tells the story of people who have lived, fought and died in conflicts involving Britain and the Commonwealth since the First World War.

Our unique Collections, made up of the everyday and the exceptional, reveal stories of people, places, ideas and events. Using these, we tell vivid personal stories and create powerful physical experiences across our five museums that reflect the realities of war as both a destructive and creative force. We challenge people to look at conflict from different perspectives, enriching their understanding of the causes, course and consequences of war and its impact on people's lives.

IWM's five branches are IWM London, IWM's flagship branch with six floors of exhibitions and displays; IWM North, housed in an iconic award-winning building designed by Daniel Libeskind; IWM Duxford, a world renowned aviation museum and Britain's best preserved wartime airfield; Churchill War Rooms, housed in Churchill's secret headquarters below Whitehall; and the Second World War cruiser HMS *Belfast*.

First World War Centenary

2014 - 2018 marks the centenary of the First World War, a landmark anniversary for Britain and the world. IWM will mark the centenary by leading a vibrant, four year programme of cultural activities across the country, including the opening of brand new First World War galleries at IWM London in 2014. For more information visit www.1914.org