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'Flights of Fancy' cartoon exhibition now on display

On display until 24th September 2012

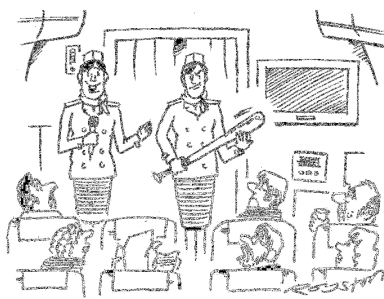
FREE admission

Now on display at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford is a unique temporary exhibition by members of the Professional Cartoonists' Association entitled 'Flights of Fancy'. The exhibition is a collection of seventy five original artwork and limited edition prints from renowned cartoonists including Bestie, best known for his Birthday card designs, Kipper Williams who draws for the Guardian and Royston Robertson whose drawings regularly feature in The Times and The Sun.

The 'Flights of Fancy' exhibition was created as part of the Shrewsbury International Cartoon Festival, a popular event held annually in April. Each year the Festival adopts a theme for cartoonists, participating from around the UK and overseas, to interpret with a huge variety of styles, media and humour. The theme for the 2012 Festival was 'flight' and the RAF Museum is delighted to be able to showcase these wonderful illustrations to our visitors. Subjects within the collection range from: Star Trek, Space and Aviation to Superman, Leonardo da Vinci, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, balloons and even flying pigs. The exhibition also includes two 6ft canvases that were drawn live by the cartoon artists over the Festival weekend.

RAF Museum Cosford Assistant Curator Clare Carr says:

"The diversity of cartoons within this exhibition shows how imaginative the cartoon artist's minds are. It's fascinating to view the cartoons which are works of art in themselves as well as being humorous and topical."



"Please pay attention while the stewardess demonstrates our procedure for dealing with drunken passengers."

Royston Robertson



"YOUR FLIGHT OR FIGHT RESPONSES HAVE MERGED INTO ONE!..."

Ian Baker

So if you're feeling in need of a lift, why not come and take a look at these fascinating cartoons about all things flying. The exhibition is currently on display in the Temporary Exhibition Gallery located in the Museum's Hangar 1 until Monday 24th September 2012.

For more information on the exhibition and the wide range of exhibits on display at the Museum please visit www.rafmuseum.org or call 01902 376200.

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Notes to Editors:

- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily from 10am
- Admission to the Royal Air Force Museum is free of charge.
- RAF Museum Cosford images & logo available at:
<http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/cosford/media-enquiries/downloads.cfm>
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