

6 June 2016

Museum celebrates Armed Forces Day with concert and flypast

Date: 25 June 2016

Time: 1.00pm and 2.15pm

Cost: FREE (Register at www.rafmuseum.org/cosford)

Flypast: Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Hurricane 3.20pm (weather permitting)

The Royal Air Force Museum Cosford will once again celebrate the contributions made by Her Majesty's Armed Forces, by hosting an orchestra concert and a Hurricane flypast on Saturday 25 June for Armed Forces Day.

The highly decorated Glebe Symphonic Winds Orchestra will be performing for veterans, serving personnel and visitors alike, in an hour long concert. This intimate musical performance will have a very British theme with classical pieces from Edward Elgar and Gustav Holst, mixed up with more modern music from Elton John and David Bowie!

The concert will take place in the museum's National Cold War Exhibition Auditorium which seats 200 guests. As places are limited, the Glebe Symphonic Winds will be performing twice, at 1.00pm and again at 2.15pm, allowing up to 400 visitors to enjoy their harmonious renditions. Attendance to the concert is free of charge and anyone interested in attending is asked to pre-register now via the museum's website in order to guarantee their place.

The annual Armed Forces Day is an opportunity to reflect and pay tribute to our heroes past and present, including current serving personnel, service families, veterans and cadets. In addition to performances from one of the UK's leading orchestras, organisers have lined-up a flypast from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Hurricane at 3.20pm (weather permitting). This icon of the Second World War will be flying overhead at Cosford and is sure to be popular with visitors young and old.

Abi Betteridge, RAF Museum Cosford Public Events Manager said:

"We are thrilled to be welcoming back the Glebe Symphonic Winds Orchestra for our Armed Forces Day event. Their performances truly have the wow factor and we are confident that visitors will have a memorable day. To top it off, we have a flypast from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Hurricane which will be a real treat for our guests and all visitors to the Museum. Spaces to the concert are limited and are filling up fast, so we would advise anyone wanting to be part of the day to book soon."

The museum's on-site caterers Kudos will be offering all serving personnel and veterans a 20% discount off their Armed Forces Day lunch menu, on production of ID, which visitors can enjoy in the Refuel Restaurant overlooking the museum grounds.

To guarantee your place at the concert, book your ticket now via the museum website www.rafmuseum.org/cosford. Tickets on the day will be subject to availability. Guests are asked to arrive 10 minutes before the performance starts in order to be seated.

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