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## **Local Talent Circled Out for Support.**

26<sup>th</sup> January – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009 FREE

A new temporary exhibition created by photographer Jamila Walker will soon be displayed at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, as part of the Museum's rolling cultural programme supporting young artists local to the region. The exhibition, Circles, looks at the beauty of the ordinary and often ignored aspects of public spaces, by highlighting the recurring theme of circles found throughout the Museum and within its collection.

The exhibition will be on display from 26<sup>th</sup> January – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in the Museum's Visitor Centre in a variety of photographic formats. Jamila states:

"The exhibition has been inspired by the vast collection at the RAF Museum and concentrates on the shapes, architecture and textures of the space. The collection is so diverse that visitors can return on many occasions and discover something new, I feel this body of work highlights this".

'Circles' is part of the Royal Air Force Museum's rolling cultural programme which supports local artists by giving them opportunity to display their work to visitors of the Museum. This provides both them and their work with valuable exposure, introducing them to an audience who would not normally consider visiting an art installation or gallery, enabling them to raise their profile and, in turn, gain additional support and sponsorship. Temporary art exhibitions promoting such talent will be on display throughout the year, as details are finalised they will be posted in the What's On Section of the Museum's website.

Alex Medhurst, General Manager, said:

"This program, along with the Museum's Apprenticeship Scheme for young engineers, demonstrates our commitment to finding and fostering new talent. I am particularly proud that we are able to give aspiring young artists the opportunity to display their creativity at a time when cutbacks in various art programs deny so many from the exposure they deserve."

The Museum is open daily from 10am – 6pm. Entry to the Museum and parking are FREE. For further information, please call the Royal Air Force Museum, Cosford on 01902 376 200 or visit the museum website, www.rafmuseum.org/cosford.

## **Notes To Editors:**

- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily between 10am 6pm (Last admission 5.00pm)
- FREE admission and parking
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