

Press release

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## **Full Line-up announced for award-winning #BrayAirDisplay, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**

### ***Awe-inspiring aerobatic acts from across Ireland and Europe to take to the skies***

You won't want to miss the 12<sup>th</sup> annual [Bray Air Display 2017](#), an aerobatic extravaganza supported by the Irish Aviation Authority, which will take place across the weekend of Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. With just 30 days to go until the event, the full line-up of Irish and international display teams has been revealed, and it includes some of the most skilled aerobatic performers from across the world. Incorporating 22 aircraft and 12 jets the award-winning Bray Air Display is a must-attend summer event.

#### **Bray Air Display 2017 line-up:**

##### **Royal Jordanian Falcons**

Flying 5 Extra-300 L aerobatic aircraft the Royal Jordanian Falcons are some of the most skilled aerobatic pilots in the world. The national aerobatic team was formed in 1976 with the mission of promoting peace and friendship to the world through the art and science of aviation.

##### **F-18 jet, Spanish Airforce**

This will be the first time that the exciting Spanish display team will perform at Bray represented by Captains Herrera and Agulló, both based at Zaragoza airbase in Spain.

##### **Catalina flying boat**

The Catalina flying boat G-PBYA, will make a notable return to the skies over Ireland as it marks the 80th anniversary of the first transatlantic flight, when flying boat G-ADHM Caledonia made the historic crossing from Foynes to Botwood in Newfoundland on July 5 1937.

##### **The Blades**

A leading display team of former Red Arrow pilots. With over 30,000 flying hours and more than 4,000 displays between them, The Blades are amongst the most experienced display pilots.

##### **Patrouille Tranchant**

A Celtic jet team from Brittany, France flying Fouga aircraft Patrouille Tranchant pilot Hugues Duval became the first pilot in aviation history to cross the Channel on an electric powered "CriCri" aircraft on July 9th 2015.

##### **Norwegian MIG & Vampires**

The Norwegian air force historical squadron will demonstrate their MIG and Vampire aircraft

##### **British Spitfire & Mustang**

Vintage glamour will be on show with a spitfire and mustang in the skies over Bray

##### **The Irish Air Corps:**

Approximately 750 men and women serve in the Air Corps which operates 17 fixed wing aircraft and 10 rotary wing aircraft

##### **Black Knights**

Irish Defence Forces Parachute Team - the most successful parachute team ever to come out of Ireland

##### **Irish Historic Flight Foundation**

Commemorates aviation achievements as well as encouraging an interest in Irish aviation. Flying three Chipmunk aircraft

### [The Ravens](#)

A UK based formation aerobatic display team formed in May 2014 flying six RV aircraft

### [The Fireflies](#)

Flying two Van RV4s, travelling at everything from zero to over 200 mph.

### [The Strikemasters](#)

With a top speed of 450 knots and a service ceiling of 35,000 feet the Strikemaster is a very capable aircraft. Two Strikemasters owned by Strikemaster Flying Club, based with North Wales Military Aviation Services Ltd will be on display

### [The Viggen](#)

Representing the 'Swedish Air Force Historic Flight' flying 'Viggen' aircraft

### [Irish Parachute Club](#)

A non-profit organisation dedicated to the training of skydivers

### [Aer Lingus 321](#)

Aer Lingus' new passenger aircraft

### **Aer Lingus DC-3**

One of the most recognisable and iconic planes of its generation. This plane revolutionised air transport in the 1930s and 1940s. Its impact on the aviation industry make it one of the most significant transport aircraft ever made.

### [Irish Coast Guard Search and Rescue](#) The Irish Coast Guard will demonstrate a safe water rescue

140,000 people made their way to Bray Promenade for the display last year which has been established as one of the country's most popular, free, family summer events. And with a line-up like the one confirmed for this year, huge numbers of spectators are expected to make their way to the Co. Wicklow seaside town this year to watch aviation antics against a backdrop of beautiful Bray head and the County Wicklow coastline. Those planning to attend are advised to use public transport for a stress-free journey, allow extra time for the trip to Bray and plan to arrive early to fully enjoy the fantastic event.

Sé Pardy, Flight Display Director, Bray Air Display, said, "The countdown is on with just 30 days to go to the Bray Air Display weekend. It is all systems go as we work to get everything in place for what will be the family event of the summer. We have a wonderful line up of some of the most talented aerobatic display teams from across the world, flying vintage and modern day aircraft. All we need now is the sun to shine!"

The main supporter of the Bray Air Display is the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) as part of its #AviationIreland campaign to promote aviation across the State. The IAA also supports the Foynes Air Show which will take place on Saturday 22nd July in Foynes, Co. Limerick.

Eamonn Brennan, Chief Executive of the Irish Aviation Authority said, "Aviation is a hugely important economic driver for our country and this year under the IAA's "Aviation Ireland" campaign we are supporting not just one but two spectacular air shows over the same weekend at Foynes and at Bray, making this year an extra special one for fans of aviation across Ireland. We see this as a great avenue to raise the profile of aviation and to generate an interest in our industry."

As well as the incredible display in the skies over Bray there will be a food and craft village featuring artisan food and specialist craft stalls as well as live music and a family fun fair – all in all a great family weekend. Or why not take to the skies to experience the thrill and exhilaration of a helicopter pleasure flight on either day between 11am and 12noon?

While the event is free for all to enjoy, VIP hospitality is available from Bray Air Display for those who prefer to enjoy the spectacle in style. Visit <http://www.brayairdisplay.com/hospitality/> for more information about the Flight Deck hospitality option at a cost of €75 per person (plus booking fee).

#BrayAirDisplay is also supported by Wicklow County Council and Bray.ie.

Visit [www.brayairdisplay.com](http://www.brayairdisplay.com) and follow on Facebook and Twitter for more event updates.

*All events and activities are subject to change without notice and may be dependent on weather.*

### **About Bray Air Display**

The twelfth annual Bray Air Display will take place this year on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017. One of Europe's biggest and best air shows, Bray Air Display attracted 140,000 people to the Co. Wicklow coastal town for the two day event last year. #BrayAirDisplay takes place thanks to main supporter the Irish Aviation Authority, as well as Wicklow County Council and Bray.ie.

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### **About Irish Aviation Authority (IAA)**

The IAA is a commercial, semi-state company employing approximately 650 people at five main locations in Ireland. The IAA is responsible for the safety and security regulation of the Irish civil aviation industry, including 1,250 aircraft, 9,200 pilots and 24 airports. The IAA is also provides Air Traffic Management (ATM) services in Irish controlled airspace (covering some 451,000 square km) and at the three state airports (Dublin, Cork and Shannon Airports), as well as aeronautical communications on the North Atlantic. The IAA handles approximately 1 million flights in Irish managed airspace each year. IAA is a partner of the Aireon joint venture, which will deliver the first-ever space-based global aviation surveillance system from 2018. The IAA is a shareholder of Entry Point North, the leading international Air Traffic Controller training academy. For more information please see: [www.iaa.ie](http://www.iaa.ie)

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