

BEASTS FROM THE EAST: POLISH JET ADDED TO AIR SHOW LINE-UP

The RAF Cosford Air Show announced the exciting news that a rare MiG-29 Fulcrum will be performing in the flying display on Sunday 10th June. This is one of many international flying displays expected at the event to celebrate the Royal Air Force's centenary.

The MiG-29 Fulcrum is a twin-engine jet fighter, designed by the Soviet Union, that has been in service with the Polish Air Force since 1989. The type, originally designed as an air superiority fighter, is now a truly multirole platform. Poland is NATO's largest operator of the MiG-29 and it has carried out a number of key NATO commitments in recent years such as Baltic Air Policing.

The participation of the Polish Air Force at this year's RAF Cosford Air Show is particularly poignant with the Royal Air Force celebrating their 100th anniversary year. The display allows a joint commemoration of the large number of Polish pilots who gave their lives in the Battle of Britain and celebration of their contribution to the security of our skies in the Second World War. A special flypast to honour the Polish Pilots who flew in the RAF during WWII is planned for Sunday 10th June.

Air Show Operations Manager, Peter Reoch, said, "We're excited and honoured to be welcoming the Polish Air Force to the RAF Cosford Air Show this year as part of our RAF100 celebrations. I'm sure their display of the iconic Fulcrum will be a highlight of the six-hour flying display."

The Polish Navy will also be represented at the Air Show, with an An-28 Bryza, used for Maritime patrol and reconnaissance, which will be on static display.

Visitors are encouraged to buy their Air Show tickets soon, at the discounted price of £25.00 per person, which are available from the Air Show website. From Tuesday 17th April tickets will be priced £29.00.

Notes to editors:

- Please ensure the event is referred to as the “**RAF Cosford Air Show**” as this will fall in line with our branding and corporate identity.
- The RAF Cosford Air Show 2018 will be held on Sunday 10th June.
- The RAF Cosford Air Show is an **ADVANCE TICKET ONLY** event. Those who travel to the event without a ticket will not be admitted.
- Our official website is www.cosfordairshow.co.uk
- When posting on social Media, please ‘tag’ our official channels:
Facebook Page: **RAF Cosford Air Show (Official)**
Twitter Handle: **@CosfordAirShow**
- Air Show tickets are currently priced £25.00, and are available online at www.cosfordairshow.co.uk.
- From 17th April, tickets will be priced at £29.00 and available from retail outlets as well as online at www.cosfordairshow.co.uk.
- Admission is **FREE** for all under-16s accompanied by an adult.
- For those travelling by train to the RAF Cosford Air Show, joint travel/air show tickets are available from any manned railway station in the UK. More details will be announced in March 2018.
- Full Details of aircraft scheduled to participate in the Flying Displays and Static Displays can be found on the website. More aircraft will be announced over the coming months.
- For further information on the event, in-depth interviews or pictures please contact the Air Show Office email press@cosfordairshow.co.uk, visit the website or call 01902 377922
- For further information about other Royal Air Force centenary events, please visit the main RAF100 website; www.raf.mod.uk/raf100