



The Vikings Are Coming!

Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo Introduces...

The Danish Guard Hussars and The Royal Life Guards of Denmark

Organisers of the Royal Tattoo, a military and musical spectacular held in the private grounds of Windsor Castle from 13 – 16 May 09, have announced the first International act to take part in this year's show. Over 150 Danish ceremonial troops and 50 horses will perform in front of 30,000 spectators.

The Danish Guard Hussars and The Royal Life Guards of Denmark are equivalent to our Household Cavalry and Foot Guard Regiments. The Danish Guard Hussars Mounted Squadron will perform a highly skilled display to music, including stunts on horseback, with a team of 86 Soldiers and 50 horses. Usually based in Slagelse, Denmark, the Hussars will make their first appearance at a British Tattoo.

The Danish Royal Life Guards bring to Windsor a team of 67 Soldiers, including a precision Rifle Drill Team and a Fife and Drums band. The Royal Life Guards are best known as the permanent Guards at Royal Palaces and Castles in Denmark. However they also deploy combat troops on International duties, including Afghanistan where they are serving alongside British Troops.

The Danish Guards add to confirmed Tattoo acts, including the Musical Drive of The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery and the Musical Ride of The Household Cavalry, who proved popular at the 2008 event.

In only its second year, the Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo, a not-for-profit event supporting the Royal British Legion, is shaping to be one of the highlights of the International Tattoo calendar. With over 400 musicians and pipers and support from all three services, the Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo is there to serve and celebrate the endeavours of our soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Event Director, Simon Brooks-Ward said: "The Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo is a great chance to show off our Military capabilities, not just in the UK but around the world. The Danish regiments, just like their UK equivalents, are not just ceremonial acts but are Soldiers in their own right and we're delighted to have them here."

Ticket Information:

Tickets for the Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo 2009 are on sale now priced at £15, £25, £35, £45 and £60. They can be purchased by telephoning the box office on 0871 230 5570, or booked online via the website at www.windsortattoo.com

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Photo caption: The Vikings invade Windsor Castle: On Monday 9th February 09, representatives from the Danish Guard Hussars and The Royal Life Guards of Denmark stood guard at Windsor Castle next to their UK counterparts from The Household Cavalry and Grenadier Guards. The Danish are coming to the UK in May to perform at the Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo.

About the Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo:

The Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo is supported by BAE Systems, Compass and Land Rover.

This not-for-profit event launched in May 2008 and was devised with the aim of raising public awareness of the wide contribution to security that the Armed Forces deliver and the value and standards that it maintains. It also raises funds to support individual soldiers, and their dependants, who have served and are serving on demanding current operations, such as in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Last year's Tattoo attracted over 18,000 spectators and this year's event will cater for nearly 30,000 visitors in total. The Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo includes ceremonial displays and bands, but also demonstrates the reality of modern day soldiering through arena action displays. The Tattoo was broadcasted in 2008 by the BBC.

About The Royal British Legion:

The Royal British Legion provides financial, social and emotional support to millions who have served and are currently serving in the Armed Forces, and their dependants. Currently, nearly 10.5 million people are eligible for our support and we receive thousands of calls for help every year.

The Legion was founded in 1921 as a voice for the ex-Service community and over 380,000 members continue to ensure that this voice does not go unheard. Although the needs of ex-Service people have changed over the years, we are still there to safeguard their welfare, interests and memory. British service people are in action around the world every day of the year. They know that if they need our support - now or in the future - the Legion is always on active duty for them.

About the Organisers:

The HPower Group produce, manage and promote large scale public events worldwide specialising in equestrian competitions, ceremonial events and public entertainment.

The HPower Group is the organiser of the Royal Windsor Horse Show, Olympia, The London International Horse Show and the FEI European Jumping and Dressage Championships 2009. The HPower Group has previously produced and directed All The Queen's Horses, Army 2002, and the World War 2 60th Anniversary Celebrations. Simon Brooks-Ward, managing director, was also Event Director for the Territorial Army's 100th Anniversary National Pageant on Horse Guards.

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