



## **Organisers confirm go ahead for Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo 2009**

**Tickets on sale 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

Following the success of the very first Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo in May 2008, organisers are pleased to announce the military Tattoo will go ahead in 2009, on the evenings of 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May. The box office for the event will open on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

The Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo 2009 will once again be held in the magnificent private grounds of Windsor Castle, by kind permission of Her Majesty The Queen. Surplus profits from the event will go to The Royal British Legion.

The 2009 programme is nearly complete and will have some star attractions. Show Director, Simon Brooks-Ward said: "The first Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo was a real success and we have every confidence that 2009 will be even bigger and better. In response to public demand we've added an extra night's performance this year and have increased the arena's seating capacity to over 7000, so that more people can enjoy the show."

Tickets for the Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo 2009 can be purchased by telephoning the box office on 0871 230 5570, or booked online via the website at [www.windsortattoo.com](http://www.windsortattoo.com).

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### About the Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo:

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 28,000 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 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. Simon Brooks-Ward, managing director, was also Event Director for the Territorial Army's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Pageant on Horse Guards.

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