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Monday September 10th “A Very Special Spitfire Evening” The Canadian Screen Premier of an epic documentary

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In conjunction with the Aero Gatineau-Ottawa Airshow to be held the same week, the organizers are pleased to announce a very special evening event – the Canadian premiere of the epic new documentary film “SPITFIRE” on September 10th.

Produced in the UK to coincide with the RAF’s centenary year, this feature documentary shines a light on the plane and the people that helped win the Battle of Britain, and ultimately the Second World War.

Premiered in the UK on July 17th with a country-wide one-day only showing, it was again shown to great acclaim at the Oshkosh air show in the US last month. On September 10th Aero Gatineau-Ottawa is proud to host the Canadian screen premiere in a unique evening event to be held at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum – one of three museums under Ingenium – located at Rockcliffe, Ottawa.

Adding to the very special nature of the evening, the organizers will be hosting Steve Milne, one of the producers of the film, and 99 year old Jaye Edwards, one of three remaining women ATA (Air Transport Auxiliary) Spitfire pilots from WWII, together with current Spitfire pilots from the Vintage Wings team, who together will hold a Q & A discussion with the audience following the film. The event will be preceded by a catered reception with the opportunity to view up-close the Spitfire Mk IX from the Michael Potter Collection, flown in for the occasion from its home in Gatineau (weather permitting).

Tickets for this exclusive event are limited to 200 and will go on sale at \$65 via the airshow website www.aerogatineauottawa.com starting today.

A signing of the companion book for the film which will be available for purchase will also be held after the presentation of the film.

The organizers gratefully acknowledge the support of the Canada Aviation and Space Museum and the British High Commission in staging this event.

About SPITFIRE

SPITFIRE is a cinematic, epic, sweeping tale of determination, vision and courage. It is the story of an aeroplane that was forged in competition, shaped as the war clouds gathered, and refined in the white heat of combat – going on to become the most famous fighter plane ever made.

Credited with changing the course of world history, this is the story of the Spitfire – told personally in the words of the last-surviving combat veterans.

With breath-taking aerial footage from the world's top aviation photographer John Dibbs and rare digitally re-mastered, archive footage from the tumultuous days of the 1940's, when her power in the skies was unrivalled; all combined with a specially commissioned score by composer Chris Roe and an incredible soundscape of the famous Merlin engine, which makes this a striking and poignant film.

SPITFIRE also explores how this extraordinary plane thrives today and how it has become an international icon.

(Please note that the film presentation is only in English – no subtitles)

Full details of the event and ticketing available at www.aerogatineauottawa.com

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