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**Last “Film” Holiday Film Festival at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force  
Museum December 17-December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.**

**Dayton, Ohio- December 12, 2012.** Take a break from the holiday rush and bring your family and friends to the last “film” festival at the Air Force Museum’s theatre. Next year, the Air Force Museum Theatre will upgrade to a new digital system making this year’s Holiday Film Festival the last festival to use actual film.

The six films that we will be showcasing are:

**-Air Racers**- Narrated by Paul Walker, Air Racers is the first ever IMAX theatre film devoted to the fastest race in the world: the legendary Reno National Championship Air Races.

**11 a.m. & 4 p.m.**

**-Fighter Pilot**- Follow young American fighter pilot John Stratton as he makes his way through “Red Flag” the most complex, high-tech military exercise conducted in the world.

**10 a.m. & 3 p.m.**

**-HUBBLE**- Narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, Hubble follows the crew of the Atlantis STS crew as they venture into orbit to repair the most sophisticated telescope ever invented. **12 noon**

**-Mystery of the Nile**- A large-format film documenting the first successful expedition to navigate the entire length of the Blue Nile and Nile from its source in Ethiopia to the Mediterranean Sea. **1 p.m.**

**-Magic of Flight**- Narrated by Tom Selleck, The Magic of Flight shows the path of flight starting with the Wright Brothers at Kittyhawk in 1903 all the way through to the supersonic maneuvers of today's aircraft. **2 p.m.**

**-Coral Reef Adventure**- Narrated by Liam Neeson, *Coral Reef Adventure* follows the real-life expedition of ocean explorers and underwater filmmakers Howard and Michele Hall as they document the health and beauty of coral reefs. **5 p.m.**

*The Magic of Flight, Coral Reef Adventure and Mystery of the Nile* are being brought back exclusively for this festival

The theatre will then be closed for approximately eight weeks following this festival to allow time for the installation of the new digital cinema system, along with new stage, new seating and new carpeting.

The advances in digital projection have made it possible for the Museum to upgrade to 3D projection while maintaining the theatre's reputation for high quality as well as providing the Foundation with a significantly improved economic model along with greater programming flexibility. With flexible programming options – from educational presentations and live broadcasts, in addition to expanded documentary choices – the theatre will be able to better align itself with the Museum's mission as well as public demand. At the same time, substantial savings in operational costs will provide enhanced support of Museum programs and ongoing expansion.

The Air Force Museum Theatre will partner with D3D Cinema (D3D) to provide a state-of-the-art digital 3D system featuring dual Barco 4K projectors, Qube's "Xi" integrated media blocks, MasterImage 3D, and a premium 7.1 surround system from QSC Audio. In addition to supporting higher frame rates, the system will be capable of true 4K-3D playback at bitrates that far exceed industry standards for conventional cinema. The theatre will also feature state of the art accessibility technology by Doremi, including hearing impaired / visually impaired audio devices, and the CaptiView personal closed captioning system.

### **About the Air Force Museum Foundation**

The Air Force Museum Foundation, Inc., was established in 1960 as a philanthropic, non-profit organization to assist the museum when federal funds are not available. Since its inception, the Foundation has contributed more than \$52 million for museum construction, expansion and facility upgrades. The Foundation operates the Museum Store, IMAX Theatre, cafeteria and simulators. It receives its funds primarily through the operation of these activities as well as through Foundation membership, donations and bequests. [www.airforcemuseum.com](http://www.airforcemuseum.com)

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