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Air Show to Return to Columbus in 2023 *Columbus Company Known Nationally for Air Shows Will Produce Aviation Event at Rickenbacker*

COLUMBUS, OH (November 30, 2021) – The Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA) and Herb Gillen Airshows today announced the return of air shows to Columbus with the formation of the Columbus Air Show. The inaugural event is scheduled to take place June 17-18, 2023 at Rickenbacker International Airport (LCK). The announcement was made at today’s meeting of the CRAA Board of Directors.

“We are delighted to be able to host the Columbus Air Show at Rickenbacker International Airport,” said Joseph R. Nardone, President and CEO of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority. “Air shows inspire and entertain, and we look forward to bringing that back to our community.”

The last air show held in Columbus was 2007’s Gathering of Mustangs and Legends that attracted more than 150,000 guests to Rickenbacker.

The Columbus Air Show will be produced by a Columbus-area firm known nationally for their work in the air show industry. Herb Gillen Airshows has produced air shows and provided marketing and consulting for shows and aviation-related clients since 2005. The firm, recipients of more than 30 air show marketing awards from the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) has also provided marketing,



advertising, and public relations services to local clients through their affiliate Herb Gillen Advertising.

“We’ve worked on air shows from coast to coast, but we are ecstatic to be able to produce a show right here in our hometown,” said Herb Gillen, President of Herb Gillen Airshows. “We are grateful to the Airport Authority for providing the opportunity to do this right here in our own backyard. We intend to make this one of Columbus’ premier events.”

As a civil–military public airport, Rickenbacker International Airport is also home to the Ohio Air National Guard’s 121st Air Refueling Wing, Ohio Army National Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility No. 2, the U.S Army, Navy and Marine Corps Reserves, and the headquarters for the Ohio Military Reserve. Although the air show will be held on the civilian side of the facility, it is anticipated that the local military units will be invited to have a presence at the show.

“We are excited to see a return of air shows to Columbus and Rickenbacker,” said Col. Scott Lerdon, Wing Commander of the 121st ARW. “We look forward to being able to show the people of Central Ohio some of what their Ohio Air National Guard does.”

The show will provide world-class aviation demonstrations, ground displays, premium hospitality and corporate opportunities. Initial performers for the 2023 show are expected to be announced in early December.

Those interested in the show are encouraged to register for free as an “Air Show Insights” member on the show’s Web site. In addition to early ticket access in



advance of the general public, Air Show Insights members will receive periodic news updates about the air show.

There are corporate partnership opportunities available for companies and organizations seeking upscale hospitality options, branding opportunities, and on-site exposure. Email info@ColumbusAirShow.com for additional information.

Additional show information is available by visiting www.ColumbusAirShow.com and the show's social media channels.

Attachment: The Columbus Air Show logo

Cutline: An air show will finally return to Columbus after 16 years when the Columbus Air Show takes to the skies in 2023.

Note: Hi-resolution images and b-roll is available by contacting Stacey Stathulis at 614.296.6351 or Stacey@herbgillen.com

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About Columbus Regional Airport Authority

The Columbus Regional Airport Authority connects Ohio with the world by managing and operating passenger-focused John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH), cargo-focused Rickenbacker International Airport (LCK), and general aviation airport Bolton Field (TZR). To discover how CRAA is helping travelers safely return to flying amid the COVID-19 pandemic, visit FlyColumbus.com/beyondready. Follow CRAA on [Facebook \(CMH\)](#), [Instagram \(CMH\)](#), [Twitter \(CMH\)](#), [Twitter \(LCK\)](#), [LinkedIn \(CRAA\)](#) and [LinkedIn \(LCK\)](#).



About Herb Gillen Airshows

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Herb Gillen Airshows produces, markets, and provides consulting for air shows across the U.S. They are a member of the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) and are the recipients of more than 30 ICAS marketing awards. The company's affiliated Herb Gillen Advertising has provided businesses and organizations advertising, marketing, and PR services since 2005. Follow them on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

About the Columbus Air Show

The Columbus Air Show is a newly formed show that will hold their inaugural show June 17-18, 2023 at Rickenbacker International Airport. The event is expected to attract more than 100,000 guests and will be marketed regionally to a marketing area including up to 10 million people. The air show will provide top shelf hospitality experiences, excellent exhibitor and on-site partnership opportunities, and chances for brands to connect in a very unique way with a high value demo through a cherished community event. Additional information is available at www.ColumbusAirShow.com and follow the show on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.