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### CANADIAN FORCES SNOWBIRDS GRACE TORONTO SKIES

**TORONTO** – The Canadian Forces Snowbirds will perform at the Canadian International Airshow September 3, 4 and 5 with the Toronto Waterfront as the backdrop to their graceful and exciting show.

“We are thrilled to have the opportunity to fly in the Canadian International Airshow,” said Major Ian McLean, Snowbird 1 and commanding officer. “We are looking forward to putting on a great show.”

The Snowbirds’ famous show includes more than 50 different maneuvers, including thrilling loops and passes as well as graceful 9-plane formations. Performing exciting solo passes at closing speeds reaching 1,000 km/hr and beautiful 9-plane loops; the Snowbirds’ show is both thrilling and beautiful.

While in Toronto, the Snowbirds are expected to celebrate their 2,000th show, weather permitting. This milestone represents their history of performing in front of more than 117 million spectators across North America.

The Snowbirds are celebrating their 35th anniversary season in 2005, marking a legacy of professionalism, dedication, teamwork and excellence. Representing all men and women in uniform, the Snowbirds are not only ambassadors for the Canadian Forces, but for all Canadians. The privilege and honour of representing the Canadian Forces is especially important for the Snowbirds this year, since 2005 is the Year of the Veteran.

This year’s season is dedicated to the memory of Captain Miles Selby, the Snowbirds’ friend and fellow pilot, who died during a training accident December 10, 2004.

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For more information about the Canadian Forces Snowbirds, please visit the website at [www.snowbirds.forces.gc.ca](http://www.snowbirds.forces.gc.ca) or contact Lieutenant (Navy) Petra Smith, public affairs officer, at (306) 631-7248.

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