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Invictus Games Adds Morgan Freeman To Star Studded Lineup

May 8-12 at Walt Disney World Resort

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Founded by Prince Harry and hosted in London in 2014, the Invictus Games are the only international adaptive sporting event for wounded, ill and injured military servicemen and women. Over 500 competitors from 14 nations will participate in the second Invictus Games May 8-12.

The Opening Ceremony will include musical performances by British sensation Laura Wright and international star James Blunt and other surprise guests. The Ceremony features an unprecedented number of military performances, including the U.S. Army Herald Trumpets, U.S. Army Band, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Team.

From start to finish, competition at the Games will be action packed. Gold medals will be at stake every single day and competitors will be ready to dig in. The international field will be competing in 10 events: archery, cycling, indoor rowing, power lifting, sitting volleyball, swimming, track and field, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby and wheelchair tennis.

Academy Award winning actor Morgan Freeman is one of the most recognizable figures in American cinema. In 2005 Freeman won the Best Supporting Actor Academy Award for his role in 'Million Dollar Baby.' Freeman also received an Academy Award nomination in 1987 for Best Supporting Actor for 'Street Smart,' in 1994 for Best Actor for 'The Shawshank Redemption,' and in 2010 for Best Actor for 'Invictus.' He also won the Golden Globe for Best Actor for his performance in 'Driving Miss Daisy' in 1990.

Freeman was honored with the Cecil B. DeMille Award at the 2011 Golden Globe Awards. That same year, Freeman received the 39th AFI Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2000, Freeman received the coveted Kennedy Center Honor for his distinguished acting, and was honored with the Hollywood Actor Award from the Hollywood Film Festival.

In 2010, Freeman won the National Board of Review Award for Best Actor for his performance as Nelson Mandela in 'Invictus.' In addition to his Academy Award nomination for Best Actor, he also received a Golden Globe nomination and a Broadcast Critics Association nomination.

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