

## **Progressive® International Motorcycle Shows® Announces Freestyle Motocross Team Fitz Army Will Return to Headline Stunt Show**

*Additional Performance by XDL Streetbike Stunters Slated for New York*

**SANTA MONICA, Calif.** (Sept. 28, 2017) – [The Progressive® International Motorcycle Shows®](#) (IMS), an industry leader on connecting powersports' brands with highly qualified enthusiasts and buyers, today announced that world-famous freestyle motocross team Fitz Army will return to the IMS tour and perform at five stops including Long Beach, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Dallas and Washington, D.C. Known for their awe-inspiring motorcycle stunts, the Fitz Army stunt show will feature special guest rider Vicky Golden as well as new tricks at select shows. Additionally, the IMS tour will feature XDL's freestyle streetbike stunt riders in New York.

"As the world's largest consumer motorcycle show, IMS brings together the best of the industry under one roof—from our longtime partners and exhibitors, to new brands and initiatives, to the local communities," said Tracy Harris, senior vice president, Progressive International Motorcycle Shows. "Signing Fitz Army to headline our stunt show is one more way we're bringing the most compelling, in-demand content and experiences to our attendees this year."

"Fitz Army is stoked to be a part of IMS this year, bringing the top FMX athletes and tricks to the stage," said Jimmy Fitzpatrick, leader of Fitz Army. "If you're coming to watch Fitz Army perform, make sure to bring an extra pair of underwear, you're going to need it!"

Attendees will witness Fitz Army performing stunts like KOD (kiss of death) flips, whips, and heart attacks. Long Beach attendees will also get to watch Fitzpatrick perform his infamous Fire Flip (flipping through the air with his back on fire). Fitzpatrick, who has been riding professionally for 13 years and won several competitions both domestic and abroad, will be joined by fellow Fitz Army riders including\*:

- **NEW TO THE IMS TOUR - Vicky Golden (AKA "Golden Girl"):** A professional rider for over seven years, Golden is a three-time gold medalist at the X Games and the only female to qualify for Supercross
- **Destin Cantrell (AKA "The Whip Master"):** 2017 X Games Best Whip gold medalist
- **Cal Vallone (AKA "Cal Velocity"):** The newest and youngest member of the team, Vallone was a semi-finalist at this year's Nitro World Games
- **Brody Wilson (AKA "Bart"):** Red Bull X-Fighters and X Games competitor with over 10 years of experience
- **Fitz Army MC - Kenny Bell (AKA "Kenny Taco Bell"):** Retired pro FMX rider and an official announcer for the X Games and Nitro World Games

At IMS New York, riders from the XDL National Championship (XDL), the world's premiere street bike freestyle championship series, will perform a variety of stunts ranging from wheelies, acrobatics and high speed stoppies. XDL combines the world's best riders and some of the most complex and difficult tricks for an unmatched street bike performance.

The 2017-2018 Progressive® IMS tour kicks off at the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, CA on November 17, 2017. In addition to the stunt shows, the IMS tour will feature a host of additional attractions including demo rides, a custom builder bike show and a vintage bike marketplace. To learn

more about the IMS tour, see the full tour schedule and purchase tickets, please visit [motorcycleshows.com](http://motorcycleshows.com).

\*Not all riders will perform at every show on the tour

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