

## Gen Con Indy 2014 Ares Games pre-releases The Battle of Five Armies

The game publisher will also present the upcoming family game Dino Race and the 4-engine bombers coming in the WW2 Wings of Glory line, and promote with events the new games released earlier this year Sails of Glory and Galaxy Defenders

Ares Games will attend Gen Con 2014 (Booth #459, August 14-17, Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis) presenting the awaited new game **The Battle of Five Armies**, with the first copies arriving for the show.

The Ares Games booth will also hold a preview of the upcoming family game **Dino Race** and of the **WW2 Wings of Glory Special Packs** featuring the 4-engine bombers B-17 and Avro Lancaster.

Demos and several events are planned for WW1 and WW2 Wings of Glory, Sails of Glory and Galaxy Defenders.



One of the authors of Galaxy Defenders, **Nunzio Surace**, will be present at the Ares booth through the show.

A special event is scheduled on August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am: the attempt to set the record for most players in a **Sails of Glory** game, with 50 people at the same table.

**The Battle of Five Armies** (releasing at the show) is a new game in *the War of the Ring* line. It's a stand-alone board game for two players, which recreates the fierce struggle witnessed by Bilbo Baggins at the end of his quest for the Lonely Mountain, in "The Hobbit", the worldrenowned masterpiece by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Developed by the same designer team of the awarded *War of the Ring* board game (Francesco Nepitello, Marco Maggi and Roberto Di Meglio), *The Battle of Five Armies* is based on the mechanics first used in that game, merging action dice and event cards. The system has been further enhanced by the addition of the "Fate Track" mechanic, handling the arrival of the allies and the triggering of special events. All the key characters in the battle – Bilbo, Gandalf, Thorin, Dain, the Elven King, Bard, Beorn, Bolg – are featured with powerful special abilities and unique sculptures.

The first copies of the game will be available at the show, and it will be in distribution in the second half of August.

Four special demo games of *The Battle of Five Armies*, organized and run by Steve Fratt (one of the game playtesters), are scheduled. They will present the game in a special "mega-size" format with terrain and miniatures at 300% scale.

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**Dino Race** (in preview, releasing Q4 this year) is a fun, simple and fast game, for two to four players, age 6 and up. In a crazy race, each player controls a couple of dinosaurs, running away from a raging volcano and a river of lava, toward safety. A precious dino egg must be carried out – and as precious as it is, it's quite a burden to carry while you are running!



The dinos run through plains, swamps, woods and deserts, playing tricks upon his opponents and avoiding the nasty tricks of them. Players must bring their dinosaur duo to the end of the race track, scoring points when one of their dinos finishes the race. They also score points bringing the dino egg to safety. The player with the highest score wins the game.

Dino Race game includes 8 beautiful figures of pretty dinosaurs (two for each species) and one dino egg, sculpted by Michelangelo Ricci– a sculptor with a great experience of dinosaurs and prehistory. Dino Race is scheduled to pre-release at the Spiel 2014 show, in Essen.

The long-awaited **WW2 4-engine bombers** (releasing Q4 this year) in Wings of Glory will be also previewed at the show. In

the Ares Games' booth, attendees will see the four bombers to be featured in the Special Packs: B-17F "Memphis Belle," B-17G "A Bit of Lace," Avro Lancaster B.III "Grog's the Shot," and Mk.III Dambuster "Popsie". Each pack will include a 1-200 scale miniature, a special base with gaming stats, a variable altitude flying stand, and a specific deck of maneuver cards, as well as specific rules and components necessary to use the airplane. These Special Packs will also include the Industrial Complex card and rules, and in the case of the Dambuster, a paper play mat representing a dam and the surrounding area, additional counters and specific rules.

More information about these games are available at Ares Games website – <u>www.aresgames.eu</u>. At Gen Con 2014, visit Ares Games at booth 459.

## **About Ares Games**

Ares Games is an Italian board game publisher established in 2011 to create quality hobby products for the international audience. Ares Games is the publisher of the award-winning "War of the Ring" board game, of "Wings of Glory" range of airplane combat games and miniatures, recreating aerial warfare in WW1 and WW2, and more recently, of the tactical ship-to-ship miniature game "Sails of Glory" and the cooperative tactical Sci-Fi miniatures game "Galaxy Defenders". Ares Games' catalog also includes Family Games and Euro Games. For further information, visit the website <u>www.aresgames.eu</u> and the Facebook page - <u>https://www.facebook.com/AresGames</u>.

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