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**CHRISTIE'S EXCEPTIONAL MOTOR CARS
AT THE LE MANS CLASSIC**



1956 24Hr Le Mans Grand Prix d'Endurance Winner
1955 Ecurie Ecosse Jaguar D-Type Sports Racing Car
Sold for £1.7 million on 1 November 1999 (World Record Auction Price)

Exceptional Motor Cars at the Le Mans Classic
Friday 23 July 2004

Christie's France - Christie's International Motor Cars Department is delighted to announce an auction of Exceptional Motor Cars in conjunction with the Le Mans Classic retrospective on 23 July 2004. The Christie's auction will signify the start of the Le Mans event and will include competition and historic motor sport cars representative of every generation that has competed at the famous 24 Hour race since 1923.

Following an extremely successful inaugural event in 2002, the Le Mans Classic moves to July enabling longer daylight racing hours and an even greater expected attendance. This unique event re-creates the atmosphere of the famed Grand Prix d'Endurance with competitors racing cars from vintage Bugattis to Porsche 917s.

Rupert Banner, Head of Christie's International Motor Cars said: 'We are delighted to be involved with Patrick Peter's evocative Le Mans Historic weekend. This strategic move by Christie's International Motor Cars provides a perfect second venue in Europe complementing the existing auction at the Rétromobile exhibition in Paris and offers our vendors the finest calendar of selling sites on the Continent. Christie's team in Europe, led by Brussels-based Philip Kantor and supported by Christie's France will be responsible for consignments to this sale which will be accepted until 1 May.'

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AUCTION DATES 2004:

Exceptional Motor Cars The Jack Barclay Showroom, London SW8:

29 March

7 June

7 December

12 August

The Monterey Jet Centre, Monterey, USA

This new location is the newest chapter in Christie's history of hosting its annual classic car auction on the Monterey Peninsula

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