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BUGATTI, FERRARI AND DUNHILL BENTLEY LEAD CHRISTIE'S APRIL SALE

**Exceptional Motor Cars and Automobilia
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London – Christie's International Motor Cars is pleased to announce the first London sale of 2005, which will take place on 19 April. This sale will include 22 cars from various ages of motoring, and will have examples from Ferrari, Bentley, Bugatti, Rolls-Royce and Jaguar, among others.

Highlighting the sale are examples from four different eras of motoring:

1897 Panhard-Levassor 6hp Twin Cylinder Phaeton



The Panhard-Levassor was the first ever luxury car, and the company dominated the luxury market until the arrival of Mercedes in 1901. In 1895, a Panhard-Levassor won the first ever motor race by driving from Paris to Bordeaux and back again. Unfortunately, few examples have survived – the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain records just 35. As a result, it is a rare occurrence to see such an example of motoring history at auction. This example, which is known as 'William the Conqueror', was delivered to a motor dealership in Paris in December 1897. It was discovered in the late 1970s in northern France, and was brought to the UK where it underwent a comprehensive restoration. The car carries an estimate of £100,000-150,000.

1923 Bentley 3 Litre Drophead Coupé by Park Ward



This immaculate vintage Bentley was delivered new to Alfred Dunhill in December 1923. Dunhill is most famous for founding the company which carries his name, and which aimed to supply 'everything but the motor' in its motor accessories range. This car comes with uniquely styled coachwork by Park Ward, and has an estimate of £60,000-80,000.

1964 Ferrari 250 GT Lusso

The 250 GT Lusso was the last of the 250 series cars, and is arguably one of the most beautiful Ferraris ever made. This example is one of approximately 350 built, and was formerly the property of motor racing boss Rob Walker. A member of the Johnny Walker whisky family, Rob Walker was an amateur racing driver before founding his own Formula 1 team. The team competed between 1958 and 1968, and achieved 9 Grand Prix wins with triumphant drivers including Stirling Moss, Jo Siffert, Jochen Rindt and Graham Hill. This example has an estimate of £170,000-200,000.



1992 Bugatti EB110



The Bugatti EB110 was unveiled on 15 September 1991, and represented the first appearance of the famous Bugatti marque since 1956. The car offered a combination of speed and luxury. It broke the world record for top speed for a homologated production road car when it was recorded at 212.5 mph, yet it came equipped with leather electric seats, air-conditioning and a CD player. A price of £340,000 ensured that the car remained exclusive, and this is one of 108 models produced. The estimate on this example is £100,000-130,000.

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Christie's International Motor Cars was established in 1972, and hold regular sales in London, Paris, Monterey and New York. Top prices for a motor car at Christie's are as follows:

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| 1. | November 1987 | 1931 Bugatti Royale Berline Sports Coupé by Kellner | £5,500,000 |
| | | WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A MOTOR CAR AT AUCTION | |
| 2. | August 2000 | 1966 ex-Scuderia Ferrari 330 P3 | \$5,616,000 |
| | | WORLD RECORD PRICE AT AUCTION FOR THE MODEL | £3,744,000 |
| 3. | July 2004 | 1930 Bentley Speed Six Tourer | €4,188,250 |
| | | WORLD RECORD PRICE AT AUCTION FOR THE MARQUE | £2,789,375 |
| 4. | August 1999 | Alfa Romeo 8c 2900b Cabriolet | \$4,072,500 |
| | | WORLD RECORD PRICE AT AUCTION FOR THE MARQUE | £2,563,255 |
| 5. | May 1989 | 1957 Aston Martin DBR2 Sports-Racing Two-Seater | F.Fr 23,310,000 |
| | | WORLD RECORD PRICE AT AUCTION FOR THE MARQUE | £2,178,504 |
| 6. | November 1999 | <i>The 1956 24 Hour Le Mans Grand Prix d'Endurance Winner</i> | |
| | | 1955 Ecurie Ecosse Jaguar D-Type | £1,706,500 |
| | | WORLD RECORD PRICE AT AUCTION FOR THE MARQUE | |