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THE PORSCHE MARQUE: A DEFINITIVE MONTEREY HIGHLIGHT AT CHRISTIE'S

Exceptional Motor Cars at the Monterey Jet Center August 17, 2006

New York - Christie's International Motor Cars announces the consignment of a stunning collection of eight Porsches at its flagship United States auction of *Exceptional Motor Cars at the Monterey Jet Center* on August 17. Sourced directly from a private U.S. collector, every car presents a unique insight into the history of the illustrious German manufacturer. The collection is expected to fetch between \$2,600,000 – 3,330,000.

The earliest car in the collection is a 1959 Porsche 356 Carrera GT Speedster (estimate \$250,000 – 300,000). It is the very last example ever produced by the factory of this ultimate derivative of the archetypal Speedster and is offered in exceptional, fully restored condition.

Paying further homage to the 356 model is the 1960 Porsche 356 GTL Carrera Abarth (estimate \$600,000 – 800,000). The example on offer is an early factory prototype which garnered much racing success in Europe when new; restored in 2004, it is undoubtedly one of the finest examples in existence.

The 1964 Porsche 904 Carrera GTS (estimate \$450,000 – 550,000) was also a factory prototype and was used early on in its life as a factory press car. Originally delivered to the U.S., it was famously tested by *Car & Driver*. Featuring subtle styling differences from later Carreras, it is in remarkably original condition and is a definitive example.

Built specifically for racing, the 1967 Porsche 911R (estimate \$475,000 – 575,000) is again a factory prototype and a timeless example of this super-light 911 derivative that is regarded as a pinnacle of the 911 lineage. Just 22 of these were built and this is one of the finest, thanks

to an unplanned hibernation - it was stolen after the 1970 Tour de France and remained under wraps until it was finally discovered in 1991.

Built specifically by the Works team for the grueling East African Safari rally, a 1971 Porsche 911 S/T Rally car (estimate \$350,000 – 450,000) is a sympathetically restored example. Presented aggressively poised and ready for action, it would make a formidable competitor on many of the current retrospective road-rallies held across the globe.

One of the signature 911s is undoubtedly the Carrera 2.7 RS - since inception it remains the provider of one of the finest driving experiences. The 1972 Porsche 911 Carrera 2.7 RS Prototype (estimate \$300,000 – 400,000) is a development example of the RS and visually is very different from the production car, thanks to a deleted rear spoiler and a charming pair of herringbone-trimmed front seats. Fresh from an exacting restoration, this is a hugely significant example and one of only three known prototypes of the model.

Finally, on a more contemporary note there are two later model 911s. First is a 1992 Porsche 911 Carrera Cup (estimate \$70,000 – 90,000); only 45 examples were built and most were converted for race use. This completely unmolested example has covered just over 300 miles from new. And a 1997 Porsche 911 Turbo S (estimate \$90,000 – 120,000) was originally ordered by the famous West Coast importer Otto Zipper and is factory finished in a bold color scheme that harks back to the glory days of the Donohue Can-Am era. This unique example has covered just over 1,000 miles from new.

Auction: Exceptional Motor Cars at the Monterey Jet Center
August 17, 2006 at 7pm

Viewing: Monterey Jet Center, Monterey, California
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