



## **New York City Concours d'Elegance set for 30 September 2005**

NEW YORK ([PRWEB](http://PRWEB)) July 22, 2005 -- The New York City Concours d'Elegance will take place for the first time in the Wollman Rink of Central Park from 30 September to 2 October 2005. The stunning landscape and surroundings of Central Park will set the stage for this exhibition of some of the world's most significant classic and vintage cars. New York's Concours d'Elegance will attract enthusiasts from around the globe to visit this spectacular and prestigious event as well as enjoy a sponsored gala and numerous VIP receptions.

The Concours d'Elegance currently takes place in other esteemed locations worldwide including the Pebble Beach Golf Course in California, the Villa d'Este at Lake Como in Italy, the Hurlingham Club in London, Bagatelle in Paris, and the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida.

The New York event is the brainchild of Thomas Hamann, a renowned expert and dealer in classic and exotic cars based in Connecticut. Mr Hamann frequently serves as a consultant to private collectors, automotive museums and auction houses. "We are hugely excited to be bringing the sophistication of the Concours d'Elegance to a suitably stylish venue such as New York," said Mr Hamann. "We are blessed to have Central Park as the backdrop to this spectacular event. Combining the fabulous setting of the park with a show that attracts a worldly crowd and the finest craftsmanship from more than 100 years of automobile history gives us the *â€œnec plus ultra* of classic car shows."

The New York City Concours d'Elegance will not just attract sophisticates as viewers. Celebrity classic car owners have been invited to participate and confirmed judges include Phil Hill from Santa Monica, the first American Formula 1 World Champion, and Christian Philippsen from Monaco who also judges the Pebble Beach and Paris Concours d'Elegance. Alain de Cadenet from London, an ex-race car driver and TV-commentator who will preside as Master of Ceremonies.

The cars on show at the Concours d'Elegance will include a 1937 Mercedes-Benz 540K Special Roadster, a Jaguar C-type, a Ford GT40, a Ferrari 125 (the first ever sold) as well as a selection of Ferraris to be shown on a special Ferraris-only day. In total, the event expects to attract 30,000 visitors.

The New York Concours d'Elegance will make contributions to Make-a-Wish Foundation, New York City Schools, The New York Police & Fire Widows' & Children's Benefit Fund, Robert Packard Center for ALS at John Hopkins University, New Yorkers for Children and the Central Park Conservancy.

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