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The Goodwood Festival of Speed 2006 - only a few days away



There's still time to book tickets for next weekend's Festival and, like previous years, it looks like being one of THE events of the summer. This time the theme will be 'Racing for Glory - a Century of Grands Prix' celebrating 100 years since the very first Grand Prix, a century since the first Targa Floria Sicilian road race and 40 years since the great TransAm and CanAm series were founded.

Renault will have the honour of being the subject of the extravaganza of automotive art directly outside Goodwood House; the company will be celebrating a century of Grand Prix successes from their first victory at Le Mans in 1906 to Alonso's steamroller of the 2006 season. The current F1 team will be operating from beneath the display, this area will also be supported by a fascinating pictorial display of a Century of Grands Prix.

This year's Festival takes place on 7.8.9 July at Goodwood House, Chichester, West Sussex. Entry is by advance ticket only that you can either buy online or call the telephone number below.

2006 Highlights -

Revised and improved Forest Rally Stage: At least four current WRC teams will join more than 30 historic rally cars on the revised and improved Goodwood Forest Rally Stage. Expect to see plenty of gravel-spitting sideways action from current WRC heroes such as Marcus Gronholm and Petter Solberg, with rallying past masters, including Colin McRae, Hannu Mikkola, Björn Waldegård and Sandro Munari, showing how it used to be done.

Contemporary Formula One: No less than eight of today's very best F1 teams will be at the Festival of Speed, with acclaimed current F1 drivers such as Jenson Button, Giancarlo Fisichella, Nico Rosberg and Mark Webber enthusiastically exercising their cars. A record number of F1 World Champions, including Nigel Mansell, Mika Hakkinen and Damon Hill, will also be tackling the challenging 1.16-mile Goodwood hillclimb course.

Motorcycles: A who's who of riders and bikes will be in attendance at Goodwood, with huge names such as like Randy Mamola, Troy Corser, Troy Bayliss and John Reynold set to entertain the Festival crowds. Motorcycle highlights will include the unique two-seater Ducati GP bike, as well as a rare selection of classic Hondas, seldom seen outside of Japan.



Cartier 'Style et Luxe': This prestigious annual homage to the finest in automotive design will this year include the mesmerising art deco Phantom Corsair streamlined coupé, as well as a tribute to the original Supercar, the 40-years young Lamborghini Miura. Fans of two-wheelers can admire an unrivalled selection of classic Italian scooters.

The Sunday Times Driving Supercar Run: A multi-million pound collection of the world's most desirable contemporary exotica will be demonstrated on the Hill. Watch out for the stunning 1001 bhp Bugatti Veyron being put through its paces, plus the first sighting of the new Ferrari 599 GTB in action in the UK.

Junior Festival of Speed: Something to keep kids of all ages entertained, with oodles of things to do, from discovering the latest Wacky Races characters, to big fun in the Big Top circus tent. The UK's number one mountain bike stunt team, MAD, will amaze all, as will Rarekind, Britain's only graffiti art gallery. Be sure not to miss Andrew Baynes' magnificent life-size 3D sand sculptures of ten significant Grand Prix racers from the past 100 years.

Air Displays: The Festival crowds will look to the skies to watch breathtaking displays throughout the event, including the world-famous Red Arrows performing heart-stopping dives and stunts on Sunday.



Bonhams Auction: Nearly 80 Motor Cars and 500 lots of Automobilia will be sold on Friday afternoon by Bonhams. Click [HERE](#) for Classic Driver's auction preview.

As in 2005, all days of the Festival will be for advance ticket holders only - **no tickets will be for sale on the gate**. As we write (29/6) tickets were available for all days, but they are limited so it's best not to leave it the last minute!

To book your tickets for the Festival, please either telephone the Booking Office on +44 1243 755055 (Fax: +44 1243 755058) or buy on-line by visiting the Online Shopping & Tickets section of www.goodwood.co.uk. You will also find the latest news and press releases for this and the later Revival race meeting at Goodwood Circuit, to be held from 1 - 3 September 2006.

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