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Christie's at The Monterey Jet Center 16th August 2007

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Christie's has, quite justifiably, made much of the sale-topping ex-Steve McQueen 1963 Ferrari 250 GT Lusso. However in addition to that, the catalogue contains 60 other entries including this 1977 Maserati Khamsin Series 2.

Many people would be surprised that just 430 Khamsins were made by the great Italian manufacturer, and of those only 155 were delivered to the USA. The example in the sale is one of the rarest of these - a 5-speed Series 2 (with louvres on the nose) that has had the less aesthetically pleasing US-spec sidelights changed to European versions. Finished in Oro Kelso with Senape (mustard) leather it looks a glamorous machine, and good value too.

1930 Duesenberg J Convertible Berline -

\$700,000 - \$850,000

1966 Jaguar E-Type Series 1 4.2 Roadster -

\$110,000 - \$130,000

Of that era (and colour palette) there also a Sepia Brown **1973 Porsche 911T Targa** for \$55,000 - \$65,000, and a more traditionally painted **1974 Jaguar E-Type V12 Series III Roadster** (BRG) for \$50,000 - \$70,000.

Vying for top spot at the sale with the **McQueen Ferrari** will, no doubt, be the **1930 Duesenberg J Convertible Berline**, \$700,000 - \$850,000, and the gorgeous **1938 Bugatti Type 57 Three Position Drophead Coupe** at \$600,000 - \$800,000.

At \$400,000 - \$500,000, the two-tone **1958 Bentley S1 Continental Park Ward Continental Drophead Coupe** is not cheap, but a thorough examination of the catalogue reveals a superb ex-UK RHD car that has been thoroughly restored (and converted to LHD) by marque expert **Richard Gorman of Vantage Motorworks**.

1967 Shelby Mustang GT500 Fastback - \$120,000 - 1973 Porsche 911T Targa - \$55,000 -
\$160,000 \$65,000

A sizeable proportion of the Sale is from two collections, the first being property From a **Private European Collection**, all offered at No Reserve and including several **Chevrolet Corvettes** and other Americana as well as a **1954 Jaguar XK140 Roadster** at \$60,000 - \$120,000. The other group of three cars are **Property from the Collection of Max Weinberg**, the long-time drummer from Bruce Springsteen's band. Also Without Reserve, these entries are hot-rods and modified cars, all no doubt "*Born to Run*".

Sprinkled through the catalogue are staple classics such as the **1967 Austin Healey 3000 MK III Phase 2**, \$60,000 - \$80,000, a **1966 Jaguar E-Type Series 1 4.2 Roadster** for \$110,000 - \$130,000, and an archetypal 'Pebble Auction' car, the **1967 Shelby Mustang GT500 Fastback** for \$120,000 - \$160,000.



And so to the much-heralded **Steve McQueen Ferrari**, resplendent in its original specification Marrone Metallizzato with Beige leather interior. McQueen took delivery of the car in mid-1963 and for years after that the pair were inseparable, until late-1967 when the arrival of his **Ferrari 275 GTS NART Spyder** (like the car he drove in *'The Thomas Crown Affair'*) clearly meant something in the capacious McQueen garage had to go.

The subject of a nut-and-bolt restoration by the vendor, Mike Regalia, and the winner of many concours awards in his hands, the McQueen Ferrari should comfortably exceed the \$1m mark (its estimate is \$800,000 - \$1,200,000) and who knows where the final bidding will end. You'll have to be there on the day.

Prior to the Motor Cars, Christie's will sell 32 lots of automobilia including several large-scale models such as the 1/8th scale, fully working **Mercedes-Benz SSKL** by Hubert Haderthauer estimated at \$26,000 - \$30,000.

The sale will be held at:

The Monterey Jet Center
Monterey Peninsular Airport Sale:
Thursday 16th August 2007 6.30 pm Lots 1 - 92.
Viewing:

Monday 13 / Tuesday 14 August 10.00 am - 5.00 pm.

Wednesday 15 August 10.00 am - 4.00 pm.

Thursday 16th August 09.00 am - 3.00 pm

Admission by catalogue only - admits two to auction.

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