
Bonhams at Mercedes-Benz World, Weybridge, 6 December 2010 - Preview

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1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL 'Gullwing' - £350,000 - 400,000

Breaking with its traditional London Olympia venue, Bonhams will hold its final motoring sale of 2010 at Mercedes-Benz World, Weybridge.

As befits the location, not only are there nine **Mercedes-Benz** motor cars in the stylishly presented catalogue but, with the Brooklands banking visible as a backdrop to the venue, there are many pre-War entries too.

The headlining feature, however, is a more exotic beast: the 'Refer Dept.' **2000 Ferrari 550 Barchetta Zagato**. A continuation run of just three '*Barchetta*' (literally 'little boat', a historic expression for open Italian sports cars) Zagato-bodied **Ferraris** was made after the initial success of the six, **Ferrari 575 Maranello**-based coupés. The open car was built on a **550 Barchetta** chassis and the example **Bonhams** will sell is RHD, has covered just 900 miles from new, and is the last produced.

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2000 Ferrari 550 *Barchetta* by Zagato - 'Refer Dept.'

They don't make them like that any more? They clearly *do*, and this special-bodied Ferrari is proof that it's still possible to buy a hand-made, super-exclusive GT in the old, *atelier* tradition. It doesn't look bad, either.

1964 AC Cobra 'Mark II' Roadster - £250,000 -	1963 Aston Martin Lagonda Rapide - £30,000 -
300,000	50,000

Looking at the **Mercedes** entries, there is, naturally, a **1955 300SL 'Gullwing'** (£350,000 - 400,000) and a couple of 'Pagodas'. **Bonhams** has also enticed an **ex-Elvis Presley 1970 600 Saloon** (£150,000 - 200,000) out of UK ownership, bringing a little bit of Memphis magic to the Surrey commuter belt.

Of the pre-War entries, the **1924 Bentley 3 Litre Speed Model Tourer**, at £100,000 - 120,000, has a nice usable feel about it, while the **1923 Bentley 3 Litre 'Blue Label' Tourer** (£170,000 - 220,000) is catalogued as being in "mint condition" and photographs wonderfully. There is also a **1937 SS100 Jaguar 2½-Litre Roadster** (£210,000 - 230,000) and the **ex-Bidwell Topham, Nick Mason 1934 Lagonda M45 Tourer** for £110,000 - 140,000.

Ex-Elvis Presley, 1970 Mercedes-Benz 600 Saloon -	1924 Bentley 3 Litre Speed Model Tourer
£150,000 - 200,000	- £100,000 - 120,000

1932 Lagonda 2-Litre Supercharged Low Chassis T3	1964 Maserati 3500GTI Coupé - £65,000 -
Tourer - £60,000 - 80,000	75,000

Towards the end of the sale, a collection of seven **Aston Martin** and **Lagonda** motor cars adds to the already high number of the marque in the catalogue. **Aston** aficionados can choose from a **1996 DB7 Volante** at £20,000 - 22,000, right up to a £200,000 - 300,000 **1967 DB6 Mk I Volante**. Likewise, **Lagondas** listed include pre-War models, a 'wedge' and the modish **1963 Rapide**, a car from the collection estimated at £30,000 - 50,000.

Other entries which would grace a holly and mistletoe-bedecked **Classic Driver** garage include the **1949 Delahaye 135M Coupé** (£55,000 - 65,000) and the **1964 Maserati 3500 GTI**, once owned by marque expert **Bill McGrath**, estimated at £65,000 - 75,000.

Prior to the motor cars, **Bonhams** will sell 425 items of **automobilia**, including the registration plate '1 CAR' estimated at £50,000 - 60,000

The **2010 Bonhams December Sale** will take place at **Mercedes-Benz World**, Brooklands, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0SL on Monday, 6 December. Automobilia will start at 10:00 with motor cars commencing at 15:00.

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