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## [Artcurial to auction friend of Maria Callas's collection in Monaco](#)

### Lead

So, it's not Maria Callas's own cars that Artcurial is offering on 20 July in Monte Carlo, but those formerly owned by 'a friend' of the illustrious soprano. What we can say is that said friend had a marvellously eclectic taste in cars...

### Variety is the spice of life...



Just 11 cars form the 'Estate of a Friend of Maria Callas' sale, but we couldn't think of 11 more diverse vehicles if we tried. The auction's curious name is warranted somewhat by the fact that two cars, a brace of silver Mercedes 600s, did once belong to Maria Callas. Both boasting just two owners from new and, naturally, fascinating histories, the cars –[1966](#) and [1971](#) model years respectively – are each estimated to fetch 60,000-100,000 euros.

Elsewhere, the lots range from a [1908 Cadillac Type S](#) (est. 30,000-60,000 euros) to a low-mileage [1989 Aston Martin Lagonda](#). There are several Rolls-Royces, including a relatively tidy [Corniche III](#) (40,000-60,000 euros), and a bright yellow [Lamborghini Diablo](#), the sale's sole supercar (if we could have just one supercar, it would probably be a Lamborghini, too). The ultra-low mileage in this case will either entice or repel, but it looks to be in okay condition. It's estimated at 40,000-60,000 euros.

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### Gallery













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