



The 3rd Annual Arizona Concours d'Elegance

Arizona Biltmore Resort, 24th and Camelback
Sunday, January 24, 2016

The third annual Arizona Concours d'Elegance, an exclusive celebration of fine automobiles in an intimate setting at the historic Arizona Biltmore Resort, will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2016. This event has become a great starting and focal point for the annual Classic Car Auction Week in the Scottsdale/Phoenix area.

HONORED GUEST : Andrea Zagato, chief executive of Carrozzeria Zagato, will be an honored guest at the January 2016 event, which will spotlight Carrozzeria Zagato with its own featured class: Coachwork of Zagato. One of the most famous and esteemed Italian design houses, Zagato will be honored at the Concours d'Elegance on January 24 with an expected dozen examples of expressive automotive designs from this Milanese company.

The appearance of chief executive Andrea Zagato, the third generation of his family to lead Zagato since its founding in 1919—with his wife Marella, who is the granddaughter of Renzo Rivolta, founder of ISO Rivolta of Bresso—will give Concours participants more perspective on this important design firm, viewing the artistry of its illustrious past while learning more about its present and future. Andrea and Marella Zagato (photo above right) have worked together to return Carrozzeria Zagato to prominence on the world stage, reacquiring the historic Zagato premises outside Milan and embarking on a long-term restoration to create a new corporate structure.

FEATURED CLASSES : The event has announced three featured classes for 2016: in addition to Coachwork of Zagato, two others have been designated: Duesenberg; and Exceptional Cars of Great Britain. The three featured classes will join more than a dozen standing classes that will be judged during the Concours, culminating in Best of Show.

Among the lineup of Duesenbergs is an extremely rare short-wheelbase 1935 Duesenberg SSJ (shown above) with impeccable celebrity history, originally owned by Hollywood mega-star Gary Cooper. The sporting convertible,



from the Revs Institute for Automotive Research, Inc. collection in Florida, is one of only two "super-short" wheelbase SSJs produced by Duesenberg. The other was loaned by a local dealer to another Hollywood leading man, Clark Gable, who was a close friend of Cooper's and wanted to drive a car like his.

The Gary Cooper SSJ, serial number 2594, was built on a 125-inch wheelbase rather than Duesenberg's customary 142.4- or 153.5-inch lengths, giving the distinctive car a rakish and sporting appearance behind the bold signature Duesenberg grille. The supercharged straight-8 engine was rated at 400 hp, with a top speed of more than 130 mph.

The flamboyant SSJ models continued the evolution of the famous Duesenberg J, the crowning achievement of engineer and designer Fred Duesenberg. The massive luxury cars were created by Duesenberg at the urging of EL Cord, who bought the bankrupt company in 1926 and wanted to build the greatest automobile ever produced. The grand and powerful Duesenberg J was introduced in December 1928 and quickly became the favored mount of the world's most wealthy and famous people.

Another prized entry in the Arizona Concours Duesenberg Class will be the renowned 1935 Duesenberg Model SJ Speedster known as the Mormon Meteor, which the legendary Ab Jenkins drove to a number of land speed records on the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.

MAKE YOUR PLANS : Potential entrants in the 2016 Arizona Concours d'Elegance are encouraged to submit their vehicle for consideration at www.arizonaconcours.com.

An Arizona Concours mobile app can also be downloaded from the website. For those planning to attend, make your plans early, as Concours tickets are limited and lodging will be in great demand.

The Arizona Concours d'Elegance has a selection of men's and women's hats, shirts and jackets available online—great gifts for the holiday season. Visit: www.arizonaconcours.com

The Arizona Concours d'Elegance benefits Make-A-Wish Arizona, the founding chapter of the national organization that grants wishes for children facing life-threatening medical conditions. More than \$70,000 was raised to fund future wishes during the 2015 Arizona Concours. ■