

ARIZONA CONCOURS 2023 D'ELEGANCE 2023 WINNERS & HIGHLIGHTS

STUNNING AND DIVERSE COLLECTION OF RARE VEHICLES
SHOWN AT NEW SCOTTSDALE CIVIC CENTER VENUE

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This year's 2023 Arizona Concours d'Elegance was its fifth edition, after an absence of five years. Previously held for four consecutive years—2014 through 2017—at the Arizona Biltmore Resort in Phoenix, the event has been reborn in the newly renovated Scottsdale Civic Center Plaza, where it attracted an impressive crowd of spectators on a notably chilly January day.

The Concours partnered with Scottsdale Arts, the organization responsible for multi-disciplinary artistic services in the city, to produce the event, which emphasizes the artistry of the rare vehicles as well as their history and technology.

The theme of this year's Concours was *The Art of Aerodynamics*, broken into twelve representative evolutionary classes, with cars ranging from the first beginnings of streamlined vehicles over a century ago to the most high-tech supercars of today. (Modern exotics were part of a non-judged 13th class.) Evaluating 90 rare vehicles and selecting a dozen class winners—from which one would be chosen as Best of Show—was a cadre of 38 seasoned judges from throughout North America.

Elevated to Best in Show was the winner of Class 5 (*Pause, The War Years, 1940s Coachwork*), a long and luscious 1947 Talbot Lago T26 Record Cabriolet, owned by Ray and Bonnie Kinney of Dallas, sporting spirited and lavish custom coachwork by Figoni et Falaschi. Formerly owned by movie director George Sidney, who led production of such films as *Showboat*, *Bye Bye Birdie* and *Viva Las Vegas*, the cabriolet later came into the possession of Loren Tyron, the former chairman of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. The car was completely refurbished by RM Auto Restorations, then celebrated concours wins at Pebble Beach, Amelia Island and other significant events.

THE BEST IN SHOW

Winner of Class 5: Pause—The War Years - 1940s Coachwork
1947 Talbot-Lago T26 Record Cabriolet - Ray & Bonnie Kinney, Dallas TX
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Results for all the classes and special awards are as follows:

BEST IN CLASS AWARDS

CLASS 1 Early Aerodynamic Brass Automobiles— Pre-1916

BEST IN CLASS: 1913 Bugatti T-22 Grand Prix - Alan and Mary Travis, Scottsdale AZ

CLASS 2 Aerodynamic Pre-war— European Sports and Racing Cars

BEST IN CLASS: 1935 SS-90 prototype - Terry & Darlene Larson, Mesa AZ

CLASS 3 Awakening— 1930s American Coachwork

BEST IN CLASS: 1936 Lincoln K330 Convertible Roadster
Harry & Heather Clark and Hilary Barr, Paradise Valley AZ

CLASS 4 Awakening— 1930s European Coachwork

BEST IN CLASS: 1931 Bugatti Type 51 - Dubos Coupe
Jack & Helen Nethercutt, Sylmar CA

CLASS 5 Pause— The War Years - 1940s Coachwork

BEST IN CLASS: 1947 Talbot-Lago T26 Record Cabriolet
Ray & Bonnie Kinney, Dallas TX

CLASS 6 Continuing Development—

1950s "Glamour Coachwork of the Space Age"
BEST IN CLASS: 1961 Ghia L 6.4 Coupe - Mark Hyman, Saint Louis MO

CLASS 7 Preservation Class— Pre-1973

BEST IN CLASS: 1931 Bentley 4 Litre - Terry & Darlene Larson, Mesa AZ

CLASS 8 Modern Development of the Art— Sports Cars 1948-1960

BEST IN CLASS: 1958 Ferrari 250 Granturismo Ellena
Ed & Kimberly Montini, Gilbert AZ

CLASS 9 Modern Development of the Art— Racing Cars 1948-1966

BEST IN CLASS: 1953 Gilco / Fiat / Siata 1500 Coupe
Donald & Carol Murray, Scottsdale AZ

CLASS 10 Modern Development of the Art— American-powered Sports/Racing 1960-1975

BEST IN CLASS: 1967 Bizzarrini 5300 Strada - Billy & Tisa Hibbs, Tyler TX

CLASS 11 Modern Development of the Art— European Sports/Racing 1961-1975

BEST IN CLASS: 1967 Jaguar E-Type Series 1 FHC
Walter & Judy Skowronski, Scottsdale AZ

CLASS 12 And the Beat Goes On— Iconic Exotic Sports Cars (1975-2008)

BEST IN CLASS: 2008 Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione - John Campbell, Scottsdale AZ

SPECIAL AWARDS

Scottsdale Arts Award for Automotive Artistry

1968 Shelby American "Lonestar" Prototype - Michael Shoen, Paradise Valley AZ

The Arizona Concours Award for an Exceptional Sports/GT or Race Car

1952 Lancia B52 Aurelia PF200 - William A. Pope, Scottsdale AZ

The Clive Cussler "Passion for Collecting" Award

1930 Rolls-Royce Phantom I Windblown Coupe - Rich Atwell Family, Fredericksburg TX

The Arizona Concours Inspiration Award

1953 Alfa Romeo BAT 5 - Touring Auto Collection, Decatur IL

The TechForce Foundation "Inspiring the Next Generation Award"

2020 Ford GT Mark II - The Mark and Joe Shoen Family, Phoenix AZ

The Arizona Concours Director's Award #1

1956 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Alloy "Gullwing" - Daniel Withers, Phoenix AZ

The Arizona Concours Director's Award #2

1939 Bugatti Type 57C Aravis style by Gangloff - Peter & Merle Mullin, Oxnard CA

Outstanding German Engineering

1937 Horch 853 Sport Phaeton - Valerie & Aaron Weiss, San Marino CA

The Arizona Concours d'Elegance is presented in partnership with Scottsdale Arts, the nationally recognized organization responsible for public art projects for the city of Scottsdale. Through this partnership, the nonprofit Scottsdale Arts creates diverse, inspired multi-disciplinary artistic services, experiences and educational opportunities that foster active, lifelong community engagement with the arts.

Information on the 2024 Arizona Concours d'Elegance will be announced over the coming months.

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