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“Best of Show”: Ferrari 250 GT TDF wins the Trofeo BMW Group at the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2021.

Glittering conclusion to the world's most traditional heritage beauty contest for Historic Cars on the shores of Lake Como +++ International Jury of experts salutes the endurance racing car from 1956 as overall winner +++ Three-day festival of elegance and timeless beauty on four wheels captivates classic-car fans with an exquisite field of participants and fascinating vehicle presentations.

Munich/Cernobbio. The Trofeo BMW Group remains firmly in Italian hands. The Ferrari 250 GT TDF is overall winner of the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2021. The endurance racing car made in 1956 and owned by American Brian Ross was awarded the honour of “Best of Show” by the Jury of experts. For the seventh time in succession, the most important award at the world's most traditional and most exclusive heritage beauty contest for Historic Cars was conferred on a car from Italian production. Today, the three-day festival of classic cars on the shores of Lake Como drew to a close with the gala prize award ceremony. Once again, the festival was a celebration of elegance and timeless beauty on four wheels.

The 250 GT TDF reigned supreme in a carefully curated field of participating rare treasures gathered from eight decades of automobile history. In the afternoon, the sports car had already been selected as class winner in Class E, featured under the motto “Big Band '40s to awesome '80s – Five Decades of Endurance Racing”. The victorious car bears the moniker “TDF” as a mark of respect for the Tour de France. This was a stage race for automobiles held on French roads, and a Ferrari 250 GT was victorious in 1956.



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The vehicle presented at the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2021 was the second Tour de France built in the series that Ferrari went on to produce. On the very day it was registered, the car competed in a different endurance race, the Mille Miglia in Italy. Over the following years, the lightweight coupé powered by a 3.0 litre twelve-cylinder engine achieved a number of victories in hillclimbs. Today, its perfectly restored condition means that we can only imagine the challenges this automobile survived in the course of its campaigns.

The Jury had already provided an eagerly awaited highlight for participants and guests alike when it announced the Class Winners and Mentions of Honour in the course of the afternoon. A total of almost 50 outstanding classic cars from different eras of automobile history were nominated for the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2021. The bandwidth of entrants ranged from rarities built in the 1920s, influenced for the first time by aesthetic aspects of automobile design alongside functional attributes, through to spectacularly designed hypercars from the 1990s. Each car is marked out in a unique way by its immaculate condition, historic significance and individual history, conveying the fascination and timeless beauty that have defined the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este since its very beginnings.

The list below presents the "Best of Show" and all the class winners alongside those vehicles in the eight classes for Historic Cars bestowed with a Mention of Honour. The model, coachwork designer, year of manufacture and owner are provided in each case:

Trofeo BMW Group **Best of Show by the Jury**

Ferrari 250 GT TDF, Coupé, Pinin Farina, 1956, Brian Ross (US)



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Class Winners and Mentions of Honour

CLASS A: TWENTIETH CENTURY STYLE: FROM TOURING TORPEDO TO RACY ROADSTER

Class Winner

Lancia Astura Torpedo GS, Open Tourer, Viotti, 1934, Anthony MacLean (CH)

Mention of Honour

Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 GTC, Spider, Zagato, 1931, Maria Cristina Trevisani (IT)

CLASS B: DEVELOPING THE THEME: SPACE, PACE AND GRACE

Class Winner

Delage D8-120 S, Cabriolet, De Villars, 1938, Fritz Burkard (CH)

Mention of Honour

Lancia Dilambda Serie I, Drop Head Coupé, Carlton Carriage, 1930, Filippo Sole (IT)



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CLASS C: SHOWROOM SHOWDOWN: BRITAIN AND GERMANY BATTLE FOR LUXURY SUPREMACY

Class Winner

Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Alloy, Coupé Gullwing, Mercedes-Benz,
1955, David MacNeil (US)

Mention of Honour

Aston Martin DB5, Convertible, Touring Superleggera, 1965, Ian Maxwell-Scott (GB)

CLASS D: GRANTURISMO ALL'ITALIANA: FINDING THE PERFECT GT FORMULA

Class Winner

FIAT 8V, Coupé, Vignale, 1953, Jan de Reu (BE)

Mention of Honour

Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 Supergioiello, Coupé, Ghia,
1950, Jonathan & Wendy Segal (US)



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CLASS E: BIG BAND '40S TO AWESOME '80S: FIVE DECADES OF ENDURANCE RACING

Class Winner

Ferrari 250 GT TDF, Coupé, Pinin Farina, 1956, Brian Ross (US)

Mention of Honour

OSCA MT4 Siluro, Torpedo, OSCA, 1949, Elad Shraga (IL)

CLASS F: A PASSION FOR PERFECTION: CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF PININFARINA

Class Winner

Ferrari 250 GT California SWB, Spyder, Pininfarina, 1960, Destriero Collection (MC)

Mention of Honour

Ferrari 275 GTB/4, Berlinetta, Pininfarina, 1967, Andrea Recordati (IT)



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CLASS G: THE BIRTH OF THE SUPERCAR: LATIN STYLE LANDMARKS

Class Winner

Lamborghini Countach LP 400 S Prototype Walter Wolf Special, Coupé, Bertone,
1978, Shinjiro Fukuda (JP)

Mention of Honour

Ferrari F40, Coupé, Pininfarina, 1989, Christiano Michelotto (IT)

CLASS H: THE NEXT GENERATION: HYPERCARS OF THE 1990S

Class Winner

Isdera Commendatore 112i, Coupé, Isdera, 1993, Phillip Sarofim (US)

Mention of Honour

McLaren F1, Coupé, McLaren, 1995, Ahmad Gozal (AE)

Images and videos of the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2021 can be accessed here:
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