

THE PENINSULA

C L A S S I C S

BEST OF THE BEST AWARD

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Peninsula Classics
2016 Best of the Best Award

Quail Lodge & Golf Club
Carmel, California, USA
15 August 2017

Founders

William E Connor, II
The Hon Sir Michael Kadoorie
Bruce Meyer
Christian Philippsen

Steering Committee

Peter C Borer
William E Connor, II
The Hon Sir Michael Kadoorie
Bruce Meyer
Christian Philippsen
Gareth Roberts

Distinguished Judges

Anne Asensio
Chris Bangle
Peter Brock
Ian Callum
Ian Cameron
Luc Donckerwolke
Fabio Filippini
Henry Ford, III
HRH Prince Michael of Kent
Ralph Lauren
Jay Leno
Flavio Manzoni
The Earl of March
Nick Mason
François Melcion
Gordon Murray
Shiro Nakamura
Kei Okuyama
Adolfo Orsi, Jr
Rana Manvendra Singh
Ratan Tata
Dato Seri Jean Todt
Gorden Wagener
Edward Welburn

Enquiries

pc@peninsula.com

The Peninsula Hotels
8/F, St. George's Building
2 Ice House Street
Central, Hong Kong
T: (852) 2840 7845
F: (852) 2840 7542

FAMED JUDGES AND FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL *THE PENINSULA CLASSICS BEST OF THE BEST AWARD*

In its second year, the world's most prestigious international motoring accolade brings together eight of the top concours "Best of Show" winners

Carmel, Calif. (July 25, 2017) – The Peninsula Hotels today announced the eight exceptional vehicles that will be eligible to receive the second annual [*The Peninsula Classics Best of the Best Award*](#) the international motoring world's top accolade for most exceptional classic car.

The selected nominees, ranging from early production to mid-1950s Italian race cars, represent "Best of Show" winners from eight of the top concours events around the globe. The ultimate winner of *The Peninsula Classics Best of the Best Award* will be announced at a private dinner on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, during the prestigious Monterey Car Week.

"We are delighted to return to Monterey Car Week this year to celebrate the world's most exceptional motor car with *The Peninsula Classics Best of the Best Award*," said The Hon. Sir Michael Kadoorie, co-founder of the award and Chairman of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, owner and operator of The Peninsula Hotels. "This has become the motoring world's most prestigious award, which recognizes the masterful craftsmanship and finest attributes of the highest-ranking automobiles from within the concours circuit. Attention to detail, elegance, and tradition are all values that we hold dear at The Peninsula, so it is especially fitting for us to serve as the patron of this award."

Sir Michael Kadoorie co-founded the award with renowned classic car aficionados Christian Philippsen, William E. "Chip" Connor and Bruce Meyer to celebrate the best of what defines the automotive world. Each founder shares a common passion and appreciation of fine motor cars, the preservation of their heritage and immaculate restoration projects.

The finalists chosen to be under consideration for the award as the most elite driving machines are as follows:

- **1952 Pegaso Z-102 Berlineta Cúpula: Amelia Island Concours de Sport**
One of 84 high-end sports cars to be produced by the Spanish automaker from 1951 to 1958, it is the only Cúpula ever built. Famed for its radical styling, it features a bubble rear canopy, side exhausts and partially skirted fenders.
- **1960 Ferrari 400 Superamerica Coupé Superfast II by Pinin Farina: The Gran Turismo Ferrari Cup, Cavallino Classic**
Introduced at the 1960 Torino show, the shape of the aerodynamic Superfast II was inspired by an aircraft wing. It went through different

THE PENINSULA

CLASSICS

iterations over the next two years before being sold on to private hands, initiating an elitist production of 14 built on order examples. The car is now brought back to its initial configuration.

The Peninsula Classics
2016 Best of the Best Award

Quail Lodge & Golf Club
Carmel, California, USA
15 August 2017

Founders
William E Connor, II
The Hon Sir Michael Kadoorie
Bruce Meyer
Christian Philippsen

Steering Committee
Peter C Borer
William E Connor, II
The Hon Sir Michael Kadoorie
Bruce Meyer
Christian Philippsen
Gareth Roberts

Distinguished Judges
Anne Asensio
Chris Bangle
Peter Brock
Ian Callum
Ian Cameron
Luc Donckerwolke
Fabio Filippini
Henry Ford, III
HRH Prince Michael of Kent
Ralph Lauren
Jay Leno
Flavio Manzoni
The Earl of March
Nick Mason
François Melcion
Gordon Murray
Shiro Nakamura
Ken Okuyama
Adolfo Orsi, Jr
Rana Manvendra Singh
Ratan Tata
Dato Seri Jean Todt
Gorden Wagener
Edward Welburn

Enquiries
pc@peninsula.com

The Peninsula Hotels
8/F, St. George's Building
2 Ice House Street
Central, Hong Kong
T: (852) 2840 7845
F: (852) 2840 7542

- **1938 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Berlinetta by Touring: Chantilly Arts & Elégance Richard Mille**
Arguably one of the most celebrated and desirable cars of all time, the exceptional 8C 2900's are mechanical jewels. In racing trim, they dominated all the major competitions. In road trim, they were the fastest grand touring cars. Of a production of 30 with various body styles, this is the first of only five known Berlinettas.
- **1938 Dubonnet Xenia Coupé by Saoutchik: Concours of Elegance UK**
Developed by Andre Dubonnet, an inventor, racing driver and World War One fighter pilot, the Xenia cannot hide its aeronautical influence. Built on a bespoke chassis frame featuring the Dubonnet patented suspension design and powered by a Hispano Suiza engine, the streamlined body features curved glass, sliding doors and a panoramic windscreen.
- **1954 Maserati A6GCS/53 Berlinetta by Pinin Farina: Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este**
One of a special order of four placed by the Roman dealer of the marque and the only one still retaining its original chassis and body, the compact sports car from Pinin Farina is based on the very successful 2-Litre racing car developed by the Maserati brothers. Its style is highly representative of the Italian coachbuilding artistry at its best.
- **1971 Lamborghini Miura P400 SV Coupé by Bertone: Goodwood Cartier Style et Luxe Concours d'Elegance**
Widely considered as the forerunner of modern supercars and with an extraordinary place in Lamborghini's history, the Miura stunned the world when first introduced at the Geneva Salon de l'Auto in 1966. The SV (for *Super Veloce*, or 'very fast') is a high performance development of the original P400 specifications.
- **1936 Lancia Astura Cabriolet Tipo Bocca by Pinin Farina: Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance**
The Carrozzeria Pinin Farina founded in 1930 didn't take long to establish itself amongst the major Italian coachbuilders. The elegance and craftsmanship of this Astura, one of six, with its curved side glass, power top and unusual basket-woven interior trim, are a splendid match to Lancia's perfectionist approach to engineering.
- **1953 Ferrari 375 MM Spider by Pinin Farina: The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering**
This car is the only preserved/unrestored example of the racing Ferrari 375 MM PF Spider existing of the twelve that were produced, with an extensive United States racing history. Recognized also for its pioneering "Coke bottle" body design and three-dimensional front grille.

THE PENINSULA

CLASSICS

The Best of Show winners under consideration will be reviewed by 24 preeminent motorcar experts, designers and notable celebrities in the motoring world, including:

- **Anne Asensio**, who has played an influential and executive role in the automotive industry for nearly 20 years and has won numerous accolades.
- **Chris Bangle**, best known for his work as Chief of Design for the BMW Group, where he was responsible for bringing the designs of the BMW, Mini Cooper, and Rolls Royce into the 21st century.
- **Peter Brock**, best known for his work on the Shelby Daytona Cobra Coupe and Corvette Sting Ray, now leads his Aerovault to manufacture aerodynamically efficient single-car trailers.
- **Ian Callum**, Director of Design for Jaguar Cars.
- **Ian Cameron**, previously serving as Design Director for Rolls-Royce Motor Cars and Brand ambassador for BMW Group Classic, Cameron is now a retired aficionado who spends time working on classic cars.
- **Luc Donckerwolke**, Designer for Hyundai Motor Group's Genesis luxury brand.
- **Fabio Filippini**, Former Chief Creative Officer at Pinin Farina, Filippini created many award-winning concept cars. His most recent works are the concepts Fittipaldi EF7 Vision Gran Turismo by Pinin Farina and Hybrid Kinetic H600 by Pinin Farina, presented at the Geneva Motor Show in 2017.
- **Henry Ford, III**, the great-great grandson of Ford Motor founder Henry Ford.
- **HRH Prince Michael of Kent**, a paternal first cousin of Queen Elizabeth II, has personal interests in autosport, aviation and travel. He currently holds the Presidency of the Royal Automobile Club, one of the world's foremost private members' clubs and the United Kingdom's oldest and most prestigious motoring organization.
- **Ralph Lauren**, global fashion and lifestyle designer, famed within the automotive sector for his world-renowned car collection.
- **Jay Leno**, acclaimed TV show host on CNBC Television series "Jay Leno's Garage" which debuted in 2015; the show has garnered several Emmy Awards and nominations for Outstanding Special Class-Short-Format Nonfiction Programs.
- **Flavio Manzoni**, automobile designer best known for his work at Ferrari, Lancia and Volkswagen. His latest work includes the F12 Tdf (Tour de France), the most extreme version of the F12 Berlinetta, the first Ferrari with four-wheel steering and the GTC4Lusso, introduced at the 2016 Geneva show.
- **The Earl of March**, Charles, Earl of March is the eldest son of the Duke of Richmond, owner of Goodwood in West Sussex and founder of the Goodwood Festival of Speed and the Goodwood Revival. A highly successful photographer, he is also President of the British Automobile Racing Club.
- **Nick Mason**, former Pink Floyd drummer and classic car enthusiast. Despite his 50-year career as the drummer in Pink Floyd, Nick has managed to compete regularly in a wide variety of racing cars, including five times at Le Mans.
- **François Melcion**, Managing Director of Rétromobile chez Comexposium, is regularly invited to judge at concours, including the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, the former Louis Vuitton Classic, and Chantilly Art & Elegance.
- **Gordon Murray**, best known for his work as a designer of Formula One race cars and the McLaren F1 road car.
- **Shiro Nakamura**, Former Senior Vice President and Chief Creative Officer for Nissan Motor Corporation.

The Peninsula Classics
2016 Best of the Best Award

Quail Lodge & Golf Club
Carmel, California, USA
15 August 2017

Founders

William E Connor, II
The Hon Sir Michael Kadoorie
Bruce Meyer
Christian Philippsen

Steering Committee

Peter C Borer
William E Connor, II
The Hon Sir Michael Kadoorie
Bruce Meyer
Christian Philippsen
Gareth Roberts

Distinguished Judges

Anne Asensio
Chris Bangle
Peter Brock
Ian Callum
Ian Cameron
Luc Donckerwolke
Fabio Filippini
Henry Ford, III
HRH Prince Michael of Kent
Ralph Lauren
Jay Leno
Flavio Manzoni
The Earl of March
Nick Mason
François Melcion
Gordon Murray
Shiro Nakamura
Ken Okuyama
Adolfo Orsi, Jr
Rana Manvendra Singh
Ratan Tata
Dato Seri Jean Todt
Gorden Wagener
Edward Welburn

Enquiries

pc@peninsula.com

The Peninsula Hotels
8/F, St. George's Building
2 Ice House Street
Central, Hong Kong
T: (852) 2840 7845
F: (852) 2840 7542

THE PENINSULA

CLASSICS

BEST OF THE BEST AWARD

- **Ken Okuyama**, is widely known for his work as Design Director for Pinin Farina S.p.A., where he designed and supervised projects such as the Ferrari Enzo and Maserati Quattroporte.
- **Adolfo Orsi Jr.**, well known auto historian and grandson and son of Adolfo and Omer Orsi, owners of Maserati between 1937 and 1967.
- **Rana Manvendra Singh**, a member of the erstwhile royal family of Barwani in Madhya Pradesh, India, is a famed classic and vintage car expert in the country.
- **Ratan Tata**, best known for his role as Chairman of Tata Sons, the holding company of the Tata group.
- **Dato Seri Jean Todt**, is famed for having led Scuderia Ferrari to win 14 Formula One World titles and 106 Grand Prix victories before assuming several esteemed positions within the Ferrari-Maserati Group. He was also elected President of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) in 2009, and again in 2013.
- **Gordon Wagener**, Chief Design Officer of Mercedes-Benz and all brands of Daimler AG. Under his leadership, the design philosophy of "Sensual Purity" was created, which is now being continually developed to define modern luxury and express an essential aspect of the brand.
- **Edward Welburn**, retired from General Motors Design after 44 years of distinctive service, Welburn has recently received an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts from the College for Creative Studies for his rich career in design. He has also been inducted in the prestigious Automotive Hall of Fame.

Following Tuesday's announcement, the winning vehicle will be recognized on stage at the 15th annual *The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering* on August 18, 2017.

Media Contacts:

Sanaz Marbley/Megan Rupp

JMPR Public Relations

(818) 992-4353

smarbley@imprpublicrelations.com

mrupp@jmprpublicrelations.com

About The Peninsula Classics Best of the Best Award

The Peninsula Classics Best of the Best Award is among the top automotive awards in the world. In its milestone development of the international motoring world's top accolade for most exceptional classic car, The Hon. Sir Michael Kadoorie, Chairman of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, launched the award in 2015 with co-founders Christian Philippsen, William E. "Chip" Connor and Bruce Meyer. The award, sponsored by The Peninsula Hotels, brings together eight of the concours circuits' elite best of show winners from around the globe.

<http://signatureevents.peninsula.com>.

###

The Peninsula Classics

2016 Best of the Best Award

Quail Lodge & Golf Club

Carlsbad, California, USA

15 August 2017

Founders

William E Connor, II

The Hon Sir Michael Kadoorie

Bruce Meyer

Christian Philippsen

Steering Committee

Peter C Borer

William E Connor, II

The Hon Sir Michael Kadoorie

Bruce Meyer

Christian Philippsen

Gareth Roberts

Distinguished Judges

Anne Asensio

Chris Bangle

Peter Brock

Ian Callum

Ian Cameron

Luc Donckerwolke

Fabio Filippini

Henry Ford, III

HRH Prince Michael of Kent

Ralph Lauren

Jay Leno

Flavio Manzoni

The Earl of March

Nick Mason

François Melcion

Gordon Murray

Shiro Nakamura

Ken Okuyama

Adolfo Orsi, Jr

Rana Manvendra Singh

Ratan Tata

Dato Seri Jean Todt

Gorden Wagener

Edward Welburn

Enquiries

pc@peninsula.com

The Peninsula Hotels

8/F, St. George's Building

2 Ice House Street

Central, Hong Kong

T: (852) 2840 7845

F: (852) 2840 7542