



Press information

**Automobilia Auction Ladenburg**

**16./17. November 2018**

## **5,900 lots waiting to be discovered at the autumn auction**

- **Two auction days on 16th and 17th of November**
- **The event venue is the Dr Carl Benz Museum in Ladenburg**
- **Special catalogue Stefano d'Amico**
- **Special catalogue "Italian only"**
- **Main catalogue with special Daimler and Porsche section**
- **Many unique pieces from motorsports history**
- **Michael Schumacher and Kimi Räikkönen's crash helmets**
- **Racing posters from the 1930s**

**Ladenburg** Auction House Seidel in Ladenburg has been selling unique artefacts from automobile and motorcycle history since 2001. This year's November auction on 16th and 17th November has by far the greatest number of unique pieces ever sold in an automobilia auction. A total of more than 5,900 lots will be put up for auction. This makes the Dr Carl Benz automobile museum in Ladenburg a fitting setting for this year's auction. Three auction catalogues are required to showcase the rarities.

### **Special catalogue Stefano d'Amico**

Stefano d'Amico was president of the Registro Italiano Alfa Romeo International Club for 40 years. The collection has been amassed over the course of more than 40 years and represents a cross-section of Alfa Romeo's history. 250 selected and often unique pieces will come under the hammer. This includes two original wind tunnel models of the Alfa Romeo Tipo 33, as well as many internal Alfa Romeo documents, numerous artist trophies, sales documentation and individual pieces such as a trophy with engine parts of the famous Alfa Romeo Tipo 158/159 Monoposto.



### **Special catalogue "Italian Only"**

The separate auction catalogue of Italian brands features some 750 lots. The catalogue has no shortage of rarities, offering an exciting and arguably unique insight into Italy's automobile and motorsports history. It contains no fewer than 3 Formula 1 world champion lots, including Michael Schumacher's crash helmet from the year 2005. Schumacher wore the helmet during his USA Grand Prix victory on 19 June 2005 at the Indianapolis Speedway.

Numerous of Alberto Ascari's winner's trophies are up auction, among them the winner's trophy of the French Grand Prix in 1952, the year in which Ascari became world champion for the first time with Scuderia Ferrari. Kimi Räikkönen's helmet from the most recent World Championship driver's title for Scuderia Ferrari in 2007 is sure to attract great interest. Räikkönen wore this helmet when he won the French Grand Prix in Magny-Cours ahead of his team mate Felipe Massa. The catalogue also features a large number of unique photographs with signatures, photo albums, sales catalogues, badges and accessories....

### **Main automobilia catalogue**

Full to bursting with many unique pieces, quite a number of which of museum quality. Some 2,000 lots of sales documentation, more than 130 posters, 700 lots of automobilia (trophies, badges, accessories), 400 spare parts, 200 lots of clothing, 400 lots of photos, signatures and numerous albums reflect the sheer size of this year's catalogue.

This includes the original racing suit and crash helmet of Siegfried Rauch as Erich Stahler, known from the cult film "Le Mans" with Steve McQueen. Then there is the original steering wheel from Kurt Ahrens' accident in the Porsche 917, including the original Porsche team driver jacket. During test drives in 1970 in Wolfsburg (Ehra-Lessien) Ahrens' 917 Langheck came off track at almost 250km/h, and the vehicle broke in two. Kurt Ahrens miraculously survived.

The auction catalogue includes rare racing posters from the 1930s: original event posters including the poster from the first Swiss Grand Prix in Bern in 1934, and three posters from



the Monaco Grand Prix of 1930, 1933 and 1934. Porsche again occupies a special place in the catalogue. Among them an original Porsche 906 drive unit, of chassis number 906-134 to be precise. Two original KDF engines, unique photos such as a cabinet card of Dr Ferdinand Porsche from 1894. The photo shows Porsche next to one of his first designs, an electrical system for his parental house and much more.

There is also a wonderful Daimler themed mixed lot. The estate of one of the first employees, Eugen Huttenlocher (since 1887) includes a handwritten letter from Emil Jellinek, original testimonies from the first customers of DMG (Daimler Motoren Gesellschaft), original b/w photographs - including a cabinet card showing Huttenlocher with Gottlieb Daimler. Automobilia Auction Ladenburg

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